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## NOTE FROM THE

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The spring and summer of 2007 brought many transitions to the Boxwood Alumnae House. With gratitude, sadness, and good wishes for the future, we have weathered the retirements of Sandra Maddox AH '59, Assistant to the Alumnae Director, and Nancy *Godwin* Baldwin '57, Editor of the Alumnae Magazine. I joined the Alumnae Office just in time to work alongside Nancy as her assistant, to learn from her impeccable editing skill, and to understand more about the institution of Sweet Briar from her perspective of its history and legacy. Still feeling a little as if I've just stepped off the podium at commencement, I know it will be a challenge at the very least to fill Nancy's shoes, but I hope you enjoy the magazine just the same as I begin the task of gathering, editing, and recording our campus news for you.

Sweet Briar has been for me a place full of opportunity available nowhere else. As a student, I spent three years on campus and one year abroad at the University of St. Andrews that challenged me academically and influenced the way I live today. Without Sweet Briar, I doubt sincerely that I would have had the opportunity to travel, and I certainly would not have had the courage. Scholarships granted by generous alumnae urged me to take a risk, leave the continent, and open my heart and mind to discovery. That year gave me great confidence in myself and my education and allowed me to overcome some of my greatest fears.

I know that many of you have had similar experiences abroad through a Sweet Briar program and that is what this issue is all about. As the Sweet Briar Junior Year in France program nears its 60th anniversary, we have used this issue to celebrate the value of those years. You will read stories from those transformed by the enchanting city streets of Paris and classes at the institutions in Paris and Tours. Other programs, such as Junior Year in Spain, have also given students from Sweet Briar and other colleges the chance to challenge themselves by living abroad. These programs are a testimony to SBC's community and international outreach.

Finally, I would like to offer a special thanks to all those who have given their thought, creativity, and time to this issue of the magazine. It was my pleasure to work with such a willing, enthusiastic, and accomplished group of contributors.

Sincerely,

*Colleen Murray*



Colleen Karaffa Murray '06 in Citta della Pievè, Italy

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# Global Community

JONATHAN GREEN, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC



Early in the film, *An American in Paris*, Gene Kelly's character is showing his paintings along a sidewalk in Montmartre when a young woman stops and critiques his work. As she walks away, he refers to her as one of those "Third-year girls." In 1951, that would have meant a Sweet Briar Junior Year in France student. I have always wished he had said that instead, although for the sake of verisimilitude, her comments should have been more insightful.

In recent years, colleges and universities throughout the United States have jumped on the bandwagon of international education. This new trend has been a hallmark of Sweet Briar's educational philosophy for well over half a century. Although we truly are the venerable standard bearer, we are far from complacent. In addition to our long-standing programs in Paris, Seville, Urbino, Heidelberg, and St. Andrews, Sweet Briar students in recent years have participated in over sixty different programs that literally stretch around the globe from Australia to Zambia.

While students from the very best colleges in the nation, including our own, continue to enroll for an academic year in our Junior Year programs in Paris and Seville, a growing number of them spend a single semester abroad, or they combine successive semesters in two different countries. Summer programs and short-term experiences are also growing in popularity. We recently initiated summer programs in Seville and Paris to provide students with a first-rate option in the summer.

Our students have also benefited from internships and service experiences abroad ranging in the past few months alone from working in the Sarkozy administration in France, to improving the infrastructure in a rural Guatemalan school, to teaching in Germany.

In 1951, the advantages of studying abroad were primarily to strengthen one's language skills and to learn about another culture by participating in it. In 2007, these remain true, but a new critical component is to gain a clearer understanding of the global community and to see our place in it from a different vantage point.

The six Sweet Briar Promises (Advising Teams, Independent Research, Potential for Self-Designed Majors, Internships and Work Experience, Leadership Program, and Study Abroad) are all intended to help students become independent leaders in a world community. The Study Abroad component is the College's guarantee that every academically eligible student who wishes to study abroad will have that opportunity.

International education, which has long been part of the history of Sweet Briar, has now become an important part of the future of our nation and the world. As our centennial banners stated: "Sweet Briar College, Always Ahead of Our Time." We are proud to have our students studying and working throughout the world. This is often made possible through the generosity of alumnae and friends of the college whose support of scholarship funds allows deserving students to have life-changing educational experiences abroad. With their continued support, we remain committed to assuring that our students have the first-hand experiences they need to truly appreciate their distinctive role in our contemporary global culture.

# New Recruiter for Admissions Encourages the Study Abroad Experience

JILL E. GAVITT '97, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS SPECIAL PROGRAM RECRUITER

Assistant Director of Admissions, Special Program Recruiter is my title at Sweet Briar. It's a brand new position and if your eyebrows rose at the sight of it, you can imagine that I frequently need to explain my role and responsibilities. This position was created in the summer of 2006 as the need at Sweet Briar arose for someone to attend the majority of study abroad fairs in other states and be a representative of our programs. Sweet Briar has well-known study abroad programs in Paris, France and Seville, Spain that I hope many of you took advantage of as students. If you did study abroad in one of those two locations, you had the opportunity to meet students from different colleges and universities traveling with SBC. These students made the choice to come on our programs because of the excellent quality of our experience and the well-known reputation we have worked hard to establish. I focus on continuing to recruit and attract these students from other institutions.

In my position as a recruiter, I love meeting students who are ecstatic to go abroad. It's a time of many firsts for them—a first passport, a first overnight plane

ride, a first time immersed in a foreign language. I can't help but share in their excitement because I know from my own experiences where this adventure will lead them. **My own study abroad in Seville came just at the right time in my intellectual development. I felt like I had conquered college and was ready for a new challenge.** Living and studying in an immersion environment gave me that test. I encountered strange and exotic things, such as the ham hock and colorful African fruits in my *señora's* pantry. Despite differences, I soon found that life in Spain was much to my liking, and I easily adapted to the traditional schedule of Andalusia, which included returning home to eat *almuerzo* with the family, the delightful *siesta*, and social outings that started at 11:30 p.m. It was difficult to return to the States, especially to a J-term education internship in cold, snowy Rhode Island, but I knew adventure was just a plane ride away.

I lived abroad in Japan for two years after graduation and had the opportunity to travel in Southeast Asia. Afterward, I returned to the USA to teach middle and then elementary

school Spanish. I loved sharing firsthand experiences with my students and seeing their faces light up at the idea of a life beyond the familiar. They always had plenty of questions: What did I eat there? What did kids do? How did I call home? They loved the idea that they could study abroad while in college—particularly that it wouldn't come with an outrageous price tag. They declared that they couldn't wait to get there. Maybe I will see them someday at a study abroad fair, but until that day arrives, I have the opportunity to speak to hundreds of students each fall about possibilities waiting for them overseas. I educate them about the benefits of Sweet Briar's programs, our reputation for excellence, and our directors' careful management of all aspects of their experience abroad.

Our prospective undergraduates cherish the distinct connections they make with their counselors. After all, didn't we all choose Sweet Briar because we relished that personal attention? Why shouldn't it be the same for students from other institutions joining us for a semester or year overseas? Last fall, I saw 496 students at 15 different colleges' study abroad fairs. After every fair, I mailed each student a handwritten postcard thanking them for their interest and encouraging them to contact me with questions. Our prospective study abroad participants received notice immediately that the Sweet Briar programs would give them individualized assistance to maximize their time in Europe. On the final rosters, I was happy to see numerous familiar names. I knew that my conversations with some of these students influenced their choice. Several of them have since shared with me that they loved their



experiences with us and were so happy to have learned of the opportunities we offered. At the fairs, I was also able to speak with many underclassmen who are not yet eligible for our programs, but who expressed a strong desire to join us when the time comes.

Our programs demand a high level of student achievement. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in both their language and general studies. They are required to have taken at least one language class beyond the intermediate level. They must be prepared to live with a host family and study with native students directly at the university. Today, there are a plethora of study abroad choices for students and many have done away with the language immersion aspect. My position allows Sweet Briar to make more individual connections with the best and the brightest to maintain our high academic standards.

Everyone involved in study abroad has a story like mine, a story that revolves around the life-altering experiences brought about by time out of the country. We are passionate about continuing that tradition through offering programs that are the best in their field.



# Sweet Briar Girls on the Go!

DR. TIFFANY CUMMINGS, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



As Director of International Studies, I am in charge of many aspects of International Learning on campus. My day is divided between helping international students adjust to life in the United States and helping U.S. students find the right study abroad program(s) for them. Often, I work with degree-seeking international students who also study abroad from Sweet Briar.

**This summer, the Sweet Briar International Studies Office set a record with 48 students traveling abroad on 21 different programs.** Six of these were SBC-managed programs and included new programs in France, Guatemala, Botswana/South Africa, and Germany. In total, from fall 2006 through summer 2007, 75 students studied abroad in the following countries: Australia, Italy, Costa Rica, Ireland, Czech Republic, New Zealand, United Kingdom, France, Germany, China, South Africa, Thailand, Brazil, Guatemala, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Chile, Peru, Nicaragua, Mexico, Panama, Netherlands, Russia, and Botswana. We anticipate 40 students will study abroad during the 2007–2008 academic year and many more the following summer.

The riding program in Botswana/South Africa, the education internship in Germany, and the Engineering project in Guatemala were each accompanied by a faculty member who had not led groups to the destination country prior to the trip. This involved a lot of extra planning for the faculty leaders and my office. Together, we established emergency plans and put new safety procedures into place. We had wilderness experts and country experts join the groups and bought accident and sickness policies for everyone. We were ready for any emergency that came our way thanks to the collaboration of all those involved.

Each student plans her study abroad experience very carefully. Most begin their journey as prospective students when they visit the College and attend admissions events where programs are discussed. As early as their junior year in high school, students learn that if they come to SBC, the entire world is open to them.

The benefits of studying abroad are numerous. Caroline Chappell '09 said of her experience in Latin America this summer: "It has only

been a little over a week and [the trip] has already exceeded all of my expectations. It truly is the opportunity of a lifetime that I will have forever in my heart. I feel as though I have already begun to grow as a person through meeting other people from different walks of life and circumstances." Caroline's mother Wendy Weiler '71 also studied abroad when she was a student at SBC.

Laura Gandy '08 writes: "Within this past year I climbed the great wall of China, explored Emperor Qin Shihuang's tomb, witnessed the operations of a textile factory in Shanghai, went scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef and sampled vegemite, was interviewed on Danish national television about the President's State of the Union speech, shadowed a Polish physician, held a human heart and human brain in my hands, saw the Berlin Wall, and bonded with elderly patients in a nursing home suffering from dementia who did not speak a word of English. I wouldn't have been able to do any of these things without Sweet Briar's International Study Abroad scholarships. With the help of the Acuff and Davenport scholarships, I was able to do an internship in Australia in fall of 2006 and study both Medical Practice and Policy and China Studies in Denmark during spring of 2007."

We do our best to meet financial needs regardless of the program. Last year the International Studies Advisory Committee awarded approximately \$30,000 in study abroad scholarships with a minimum award of \$1,000 and a maximum award of \$5,000. Many more dollars were awarded by financial aid for study on Sweet Briar-managed programs. The Mr. and Mrs. A. Marshall Acuff International Scholarship Fund and others have supported growing student numbers and interest in study abroad programs.

I love the work I do at Sweet Briar. I am grateful to be here every day, doing what I do best. Between caring for the international students who come to campus and guiding students in their study abroad quest, I lead a fulfilling and productive work life.

# Sweet Briar Riders in Africa

Campus Safety Officer Kerry Scott, a 1976 Washington and Lee graduate, arranged and led an African expedition for seven members of the Sweet Briar community who set out this past spring to explore African terrain.

Kerry's ties to Africa took root in 1996 when he traveled to sightsee, hunt, ride horses, and explore the continent. In 2001, he was assigned military duties in various African countries. After successive trips and assignments, certain parts of Botswana and Namibia became a second home. A retired lieutenant colonel, Kerry now owns Narrow Gate Tack, Inc. and its equestrian travel subsidiary, Narrow Gate Trekking. This past May and June, Sweet Briar instructor of riding John Conyers, Jenny Walkiewicz '09, Lauren Stephens '09, Erin Peabody '10, Emily Wiley '07, Chrissy Serio '07 and her mother, Louise, went on an African riding adventure with Narrow Gate. The trip to Botswana and Cape Town left lasting impressions of culture and environment with those who attended.

Narrow Gate Trekking is affiliated with Limpopo Valley Horse Safaris. From May 20–27, SBC adventurers camped and rode out into the Tuli Game Reserve of eastern Botswana. While Kerry stayed behind to help prepare food, pitch tents, and tend to other camp support duties, the SBC group and two seasoned guides rode through rugged terrain on sturdy Boerperds, farm horses bred for their composure in the African bush. "They are the most sure-footed animals I've ever seen," said Emily Wiley '07. The riders saw impala, eland (the largest of the antelope), leopards, giraffes, zebras, and a 3-day-old rhino with its mother. They also saw "a LOT of elephants," mentioned Kerry.



logan Wiley



Riders Christina Serio '07, Erin Peabody '10, and Lauren Stephens '09 pause in front of a Baobab tree in Botswana.

"and at one point needed to ride out of the way of a big female, appropriately named Charger." In unusually cold weather, the horses carried them along the parched Limpopo riverbed as they looked at Baobab trees and "galloped with zebras, dodging trees, holes, and other natural obstacles," shared Emily.

For Emily, the trip was a cultural awakening. Emily spoke of "stark differences" between American and African culture, especially in regard to mobility. "Many of the people we stayed with for the week had never left the 100 mile radius surrounding the safari area. Their ability to pursue higher education or travel was limited by their currency and the structure of their society." **There was something magical about living without TV, internet, and other "modern conveniences," as Emily found her favorite times during the week were enjoying company and sleeping under the stars.** Emily was exposed to

abrupt changes of environment and economy within Africa as well. The group traveled to Cape Town at the end of their journey where they experienced the big city of South Africa. Emily writes that "there was a glaring difference between South Africa and Botswana, which was immediately apparent after crossing the border at the Limpopo River. In Botswana, there was little 'modern civilization' anywhere, yet Cape Town could have been a coastal city in the United States."

Many of those who went on the trip are eager to visit Africa again, and Kerry is excited that another trip is being planned for next year. He hopes that he will be able to make this safari an established travel experience for students and alumnae in the future.

*Kerry is the son of Sweet Briar alumna Virginia June Early Holt '53.*

## Junior Year in Spain

DR. MARIA CELESTE DELGADO-LIBREDO  
DIRECTOR, JUNIOR YEAR IN SPAIN



The Sweet Briar College Junior Year in Spain program is affiliated with the University of Seville in Spain. Since its establishment in 1984, 1,557 female and male students from more than 120 accredited U.S. colleges and universities have studied in Seville through JYS in semester- or year-long stays.

### JYS NOW

On departure day, a member of the Virginia JYS team and a student assistant meet the students at the JFK airport in New York. The student assistant, a recent JYS alum, accompanies the students to Spain and stays with them through orientation, serving as a kind of "older sibling" with similar life experiences, hopes, and expectations who has already lived the adventure on which the new students will embark.

Resident Director Macarena Pérez-Tinao, her sister and SBC coordinator, Blanca Pérez-Tinao, and I meet the students at the Madrid airport and bring them to a hotel. As an introduction to Spain, the group spends two days in Madrid visiting the Prado and Reina Sofia Museums and the Palacio Real among other sites before flying to Seville, where the students' host families welcome them to their homes.

Before the semester begins, a mandatory three-week orientation prepares the students for the transition into living in Seville and studying at the University. Orientation classes take place at our student center on San Fernando Street. The students, divided into small groups, attend three classes daily: Advanced Spanish Grammar, Advanced Conversation, and Spanish History and Culture, all of them with a special focus on Andalusia and Seville. Students attend informational meetings on practical topics ranging from security issues to culture shock, from how to navigate the seemingly difficult University building to where to find the best flamenco shows. The group also visits sites such as the Cathedral with its emblematic minaret (*Giralda*) and the *Alcázar* in Seville, the Roman city of Itálica, Carmona, Granada, Jerez (home of sherry), and Cádiz.

During orientation, the students tend to stay close together, and the JYS team is constantly involved in their lives. Things change when the semester begins: students enroll in different classes and extracurricular activities, feel more confident about the language and culture, and learn how to fend for themselves. Often, students visit the university center to check email, work on papers, or just say hi, living in the knowledge that our team is there to help.

During the semester, students may take three types of classes, all taught in Spanish: JYS classes, *cursos concertados*, and regular University classes. JYS classes are designed and taught by JYS faculty, open to JYS students only, and held at our student center. *Cursos concertados* are designed and taught by University of Seville faculty, open to all foreign students at the University. Regular University classes, usually in the Schools of Philology and of Geography and History, offer many courses on Spanish language, literature, history, and art.

In addition to academics, extracurricular activities keep our students active (sports), entertained (choir, flamenco lessons, theater, opera, etc.), challenged (via a new University-organized internship

program), and socially engaged (volunteering with international, national, and local NGO's). Most students also take advantage of holidays to travel in Spain, Western Europe, and Morocco.

All students live with host families, which is a great way for them to become integrated into the culture and language. Some students are wary at first, fearing a loss of independence or problems adapting to life with strangers, but these fears dissipate quickly and, for many students, the ties they develop with their host families are the most rewarding aspect of their experience. Many of our students' (U.S.) families come to visit them in Seville and get to meet their host families. **Our students then become ambassadors and interpreters between the two cultures, transmitting the knowledge they have acquired.** This phenomenon, to me, is the greatest contribution that any study-abroad program can make to students' lives and to the larger picture of mutual human understanding.

### JYS SOON

I became the JYS director this past January. Before that time, my involvement in study abroad and JYS, although quite significant for my personal life, had been only occasional. In 1991, I received the scholarship that JYS grants every year to an English Philology student from the University of Seville to attend Sweet Briar College as a student and teaching assistant in Spanish for the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. As a faculty member in that department since 2000, I advised many students who were interested in studying in Latin America or Spain. But when I started my new job I did not know the ins and outs of the program, so I spent the first six weeks of the spring semester "shadowing" my first group of students: 33 juniors from Barnard, Brandeis, Brown, Bryn Mawr, Chicago, Claremont



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: JYS students enjoying Feria. The Plaza de España, Madrid. The University of Seville.

McKenna, Columbia, Haverford, Northwestern, Tufts, and Yale. I went through orientation, attended classes, went on all the trips, and participated in all the activities. It was quite intense, but I learned many valuable things, especially the fact that I had become the director of a very solid program with an excellent infrastructure and very good academic standing both in Seville and in the United States. Most importantly, I learned this program has a competent, intelligent, motivated, supporting, friendly team on both sides of the Atlantic: Helen Grose and Toni Hudson in Virginia, Macarena Alonso Pérez-Tinao, Blanca Alonso Pérez-Tinao, Isabel Fernández Ruiz, Noelia Panduro Muñoz (SBC teaching assistant, 2003–2004), Rocío Guerrero Durán (SBC teaching assistant, 1997–1998), and Pepe Reyes Bautista in Seville.

With my newly acquired knowledge, I am ready to improve and expand the program. First of all, I would like JYS and the Spanish section at Sweet Briar to work more closely together in the development of classes and research projects in

Spain. Two projects are already underway which, although relatively modest in scope, will have a positive impact: organizing the JYS library in our Seville center and developing a new web site. Another of my priorities is to sign agreements with other Schools of the University of Seville. I am also trying to establish a similar cooperation agreement with the other university in Seville, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, which has classes in fields not offered by the University of Seville. I would like to see our student center in Seville become a hub of academic exchange for professors from the United States interested in research in Seville or Andalusia.

During the academic year 2009–2010, JYS will celebrate its 25th anniversary. If you are interested in learning about the events we plan to organize, whether you are a JYS alumna or someone who has decided to learn Spanish and/or about southern Spain, keep your eyes peeled; you'll be reading from us soon.

# SBC JYF will Celebrate 60 Years in Paris

DR MARGARET SCOUTEN, DIRECTOR, SWEET BRIAR JUNIOR YEAR IN FRANCE

**Since 1948, the Sweet Briar College Junior Year in France program has been internationally recognized as one of the most prestigious study abroad programs in Paris.**

To be named the first woman director of such a stellar program has been both an honor and a privilege. It has also been challenging to continue the outstanding work of former JYF Directors Joseph E. Barker (1948–1957), R. John Matthew (1957–1972), Robert Marshall (1972–1984), and Emile Langlois (1984–2000) who dedicated their careers to improving and perfecting the program.

In turn, I have initiated several changes to reflect needs of the 21st century. The first major change, voted by the Advisory Committee prior to my directorship, was to adopt a one-semester program. Enrollment figures for year only students were diminishing. Unfortunately, many American students are unable to spend an entire year abroad due to double majors and increased requirements on their home campus. Although this change has generated more work, it has also helped JYF maintain a sustainable quality program while other programs in Paris are either phasing out or closing. In 2006–2007, there were 133 JYF students (29 attended the full year, 54 fall only, and 50 spring only) from over 32 colleges and universities, both private and public, such as Amherst College, Georgetown University, Haverford College, James Madison University, Northwestern University, Sweet Briar College, University of Virginia, Wheaton College, Whittier College, University of Southern California, and Williams College.

Other major program developments over the past seven years of my Directorship include the addition of an exchange agreement with Paris IX (Dauphine), a university which excels in business and business management curriculum. Due to this added curriculum offering, Babson College is sending its first student to JYF in 2007–2008. We anticipate new exchanges at other Sorbonne universities in 2008.

An internship program was expanded in 2006 whereby over 20 students per year are placed in fields relative to their majors. Students are involved in science labs, political parties, art galleries, film production, journalism, and fashion design. We were fortunate to place four students in the UMP (*Union pour un Mouvement Populaire*). Our students witnessed French politics in action and worked behind the scenes during Nicolas Sarkozy's political campaign. They were even invited to his victory reception at the Elysée Palace. One student worked at a major French newspaper, *Le Monde*, while others worked at Lobster films. The internship program has turned out to be one of the most rewarding academic experiences for JYF students.

The decision to hire a permanent Resident Director took nearly five years. Hiring a different professor of French each year to direct the program in Paris became more and more difficult. Since 2005, Mme Marie Grée has held the role as Paris Resident Director along with Associate Director Mme Karen Parnet and Internship Director Mme Lucy Hervier. These permanent positions ensure continuity in areas of academic advising, housing placement and internships. In order to keep the "American presence" alive in the Paris program, a new annual position was established in 2006. Each spring, a French professor from an American university is invited to teach one course for the JYF program. This allows JYF to offer new courses in various fields by renowned scholars from our affiliated colleges and universities.

After September 11, several new security measures were implemented. Listservs were created for current students, parents and study abroad advisors; wallet size info cards with contact numbers for our JYF staff are distributed to students and parents; students abroad are encouraged to have cell phones; a phone tree has been established in case of emergency; and students are registered at the American Embassy. All current U.S. government Travel Advisory Warnings are posted in our offices and emailed to JYF students. JYF educates and updates students about precautionary measures during their travels to other foreign countries at vacation time.

A new JYF summer program was launched in June 2007. Although there was a small group of ten students from nine different colleges, the program was very successful. We are confident that the summer program will continue to expand.

A group of 86 students arrived in Paris on August 24, 2007 to begin a unique chapter in their college career. It is always with great joy that my staff and I work closely with these motivated students to offer rich and rewarding experiences, which have always remained some of their fondest memories. The annual *JYF Alumni Bulletin* relates praiseworthy testimonies from JYF alums about their studies at the Sorbonne and their *séjour en France*. JYF alums enjoy successful careers in all fields both abroad and in the US. Many are professors of French, artists, writers, politicians, diplomats, lawyers, college presidents, businessmen, film producers, photographers, actors, and the list goes on and on.

We are always so pleased to receive news about their accomplishments and read wonderful stories about how JYF influenced their lives.

On Thursday, June 12, 2008, the 60th Anniversary of SBC JYF will be celebrated in Paris. There will be a gala event at Reid Hall, the former JYF headquarters in Paris for over 25 years. SBC JYF is now located in the *Annexe* of the *Alliance française* building at 34 rue de fleurus, Paris 75006. Information about our 60th Anniversary celebration will be sent to alums in the spring and will occur in conjunction with the SBC Alumnae Tour to France. If you are interested in attending the Paris celebration, please email at: [jyfcelebration@sbc.edu](mailto:jyfcelebration@sbc.edu).

One cannot discuss JYF without mentioning our two assistants, Mrs. Mary Sue Fauber, Assistant to the Director and Mrs. Pat Wydner, Office Manager, who have both worked for the JYF program for over 34 years (now under their third Director). Many thanks for their loyalty, efficiency and wealth of knowledge of the program. JYF owes much of its success to these two dedicated women.

You are always welcome to visit our JYF offices on the Sweet Briar College campus at Sweet Briar, Virginia or in Paris at 34, rue de fleurus to observe classes. We would be delighted to meet you or renew acquaintances with JYF alums.

*Bonne Continuation!*



# From the Paris Office, 34 rue de Fleurus

DR. MARIE GRÉE, RESIDENT DIRECTOR, SBC JYF, PARIS

When I was appointed permanent Resident Director of the Sweet Briar Paris program two years ago, I stepped into a job well established in tradition. Today we are lucky that so much has already been put into place for us. What must it have been like to be in the first class at Sweet Briar in Paris 60 years ago? Politically, the Marshall plan was adopted and the cold war had started, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed at UNESCO in December 1948, and in Saint Germain des Prés, artists from all over the world were sitting in cafés and discovering be-bop music in clubs. Paris was enthralled for the first, and certainly not the last, time by American culture. In the same way that today French hip hop bands give us their Gallic version of American rap, in 1948, the Zazous danced out of the war-time obscurity of the Club Tabou and onto the liberated streets of Paris, Boris Vian echoing in their wake.

What a moment that must have been for young students arriving in Paris for the first time! But every year is rich in history in-the-making, and the last two years were no exception: strikes and national ferment in 2006 (against the now deceased CPE, an anonymous acronym for most Americans, but one that disrupted university life for two months), and presidential elections in 2007. Both events brought our students rapidly into French culture and the cauldron of French politics. **As most of you will remember, a good part of the education students receive during their year in France is acquired outside of the classrooms.** Parisians are passionate about politics; national conversations and cross-generational debates are carried on in living rooms and on café terraces.

Sweet Briar in Paris continues to offer students an authentic French experience based on living with a French family and taking classes at the Paris Universities. This total immersion is supported by Sweet Briar's administrative expertise, which offers cultural experiences as well as guidance in familial and academic areas. Approximately 150 students each year attend the program and go to four different universities as well as attend a spectrum of art classes. In-house classes, taught in French by French professors, fill any gaps in University programs, while our tutors aid students in all subjects. Our on-site art class takes students for conferences in the Louvre every week, and the History of Paris class brings the city to life with visits to historical monuments. Our internships in French businesses, arts organizations, and political parties are an additional means of becoming involved in French life while garnering academic credit and professional experience.

Sweet Briar's offices continue to serve as a home base for current students and alumni. In 1948, students would stop by for letters from home; today, they come to check their email. Our reading room with its roof-top terrace is a terrific place to have a cup of coffee or tea and surf the net to find out what's at the cinema, what day the Pompidou Center is closed, or maybe plan a trip. It is a great place to share information and experiences. I, too, appreciate being able to share my experience as a native Parisian with students in an informal atmosphere. From swimming pools to cinema, from bike paths to the best banana and nutella crêpes, one of the real satisfactions of directing Sweet Briar's program is watching our students discover the pleasures of Paris, and I'm sure this is as true today as it was sixty years ago!



## Sixty Years in France

EMILE LANGLOIS, DIRECTOR EMERITUS, JUNIOR YEAR IN FRANCE

Next year the College will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Junior Year in France program. In September, 1948, five SBC juniors: Nancy Franklin, Mary Morris Gamble, Marie Gilliam, Helen Missires and Joan Teetor, joined 29 women and 33 men from other colleges to begin an adventure that would take them to a country still reeling from World War II. It was the era of the Russian Berlin blockade, a time when French people wondered if General de Gaulle would try to come back to power and provoke a communist reaction that could lead to civil war. Paris was still short of food, electricity, coal,

heating oil, gasoline, and winter was cold. Going to France for a year in the early history of the JYF meant cutting all bridges with family and friends except through mail. No phone calls, except perhaps a short one at Christmas or on one's birthday, no daily email, no comfort food like cookies, candy, and peanut butter except in care packages from home, no McDonalds, no Starbucks, no CNN, in fact, no television at all during the early years. **A year in France then was a complete immersion experience.**

In 1948, students took their courses in the section of the Sorbonne reserved for foreign

students. Very quickly, the program decided to send students to regular classes taught for French students. The Sorbonne itself was eventually divided into thirteen universities following the 1968 student protests. Today the choice of courses is larger than it ever was. Most courses are now semester long and students can attend a number of small, private universities. The few special courses that Sweet Briar organizes for its own students are often considered the best. Some of the professors who taught these courses for many years are still fondly remembered by alumni: M. Simon (Theatre), M. Garapon (17<sup>th</sup> century literature), Mme Cotté (Art history), and Mme Triantafyllou (French language). Present professors, such as Mme Mellado (French writing workshop) and Gabriel Conesa (17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century literature), are following in their steps.

During the early years, the program in France was directed by a "Professor-in-charge," usually a man, who held the function for a year or two, seconded by an assistant (always a woman!) who stayed at most two or three years. Eventually, more continuity was deemed necessary: Carol Denis became a legend during the 24 years she spent as Assistant Director. Her death soon after her retirement was a shock for all those who had known her. Because the administration of the program in Paris was becoming more complicated, especially since it began admitting semester students and started a new summer program, the position of Resident Director became more permanent. Dr. Marie Grée is now the Resident Director and Karen Parnet the Associate Director.

An unfortunate evolution has been the gradual shortening of the preliminary orientation session that has taken place in Tours every year since 1957. The dedicated teams of professors in Tours, led by people like Paul Lemoal, André Bordeaux, or

Claude Doubinsky were assets to the program. What was once a six-week session is now only two weeks because courses at the Paris universities begin in mid-September (compared to early November in the good old days)!

Over the years outside events have buffeted the program: the Cold War in the early years, the 1968 protests that led to a liberalization of some of the most restrictive features of the program, and more recently under my tenure, in September 1986 the bombing of the Tati store not very far from our offices (the students were in Tours), the 1991 Gulf War, and now the Iraq War and constant terrorist threats. During all these crises parents were always more worried than their sons and daughters. To spend one's junior year abroad, one must love challenges! No wonder the large majority of the alumnae and alumni think the year was a turning point in their lives!

## SBC JYF 1952-53

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### HOW IT WAS

In college at Bryn Mawr, I fell in love with French literature. For beginning French, our instructor sidestepped hotel rooms and restaurants, and taught the present tense with a panther leaping from under a desk, followed by a reading of Rimbaud's brief, dizzy poem, "A une raison." In my mind, the poem and the panther are forever intertwined. Thanks to that method of training, I was allowed to spend my junior year in Paris, where everything around me seemed intense—rapid and intense.

That year, I did everything I could. I studied piano with a student from the Conservatoire and practiced in my French home on the rue du Général Foy, in the chic 8<sup>th</sup> arrondissement, in a white, high-ceilinged room with ornate gold trim and glass doors. The husband of the black-garbed Madame Desjardins, owner of the home, had been killed by the Nazis in that very apartment. My roommate was a Christian Scientist, who prayed on the phone when she was ill, which concerned our hostess. She even had a priest exorcise our room.

I attended superb, inexpensive concerts with a pass from the Jeunesses Musicales de France, hearing great pianists Brendel and Backhaus and Kemp, and went to many plays I only half understood.

I muddled my way through a course at the Sciences Po (Université de Paris: Sciences Politiques), where I disgraced myself in the final

## A Trip to France in 1935



Anne Corbitt Little  
in 1934

First encouraged by her father to explore the world beyond her homeland, Anne Corbitt Little '34 traveled abroad in 1935. In Norfolk, Virginia, she boarded a small steamship owned by the Baltimore Mail Line and braved a ten-day journey across the ocean to London. The seventy-passenger boat was surprisingly comfortable, except when they hit a strong nor'easter with waves that sent them up in the air and smacked them down on the water.

After docking, she went to Oxford where she had been invited to attend the commencement ceremony of her friend's brother. From England, she journeyed to Paris and met with Sweet Briar Professor of French Joseph E. Barker who was waiting to take charge of the JYF group, then under the auspices of the University of Delaware. He introduced Anne to the head of French schools who found a position for her as an assistant in English at the *Ecole Nationale Professionale*. The school was located in Bourges, a quaint town with a beautiful 13th century cathedral and many medieval houses.

Before French schooling began, Anne journeyed to Holland and then back to Paris to go with Dr. Barker and the JYF group to study at the Institut de Touraine in Tours for six weeks. They attended classes daily and visited many châteaux of the Loire Valley.

French schools started in September. In Bourges, Anne lived in the school; when not teaching she took culinary and French literature classes. One of her colorful memories is of the school children stuffing their baguettes with peeled, raw garlic cloves for a snack.

During spring break, Anne joined the JYF group again to go by train to Italy. There, they visited the ancient monuments of Rome, Florence, and Milan.

**For Anne, the opportunity set in place by a dedicated SBC faculty member confirmed a love for travel that her father inspired in her.** Since then, she has traveled both with her husband and Sweet Briar Alumnae Tours to various places including France, Holland, Germany, and the Czech Republic. Now, she takes only short trips by car, but reads a French/American newspaper out of California to keep in touch with a language that gave her much happiness.

oral exam with a crowd of auditors sitting around in amusement. But I loved walking from Sciences Po up the very long rue de Vaugirard to the Boul Mich, and down to the Institut Britannique for the course given by well-known Daniel Mornet on Rousseau. It was a privilege to study with Mornet, who had written all the books he assigned. Often he would lose our papers. Between coughs, in his very old voice, he would say that it didn't matter, the point was writing them.

I crossed to the Sorbonne for weekly lectures by Pierre Moreau on *Le Culte du moi*, "the religion of me," having to do with differences between egotism and egoism. He would enter the room, preceded by the *huissier* who would turn on his light and arrange his things. We would all stand up. The final exam consisted of one question that we had six hours to answer.

With a very devout friend who was to become a nun, I bicycled around Brittany, spending the night in various

convents along the way. To save our dwindling finances, we would have a carrot and some bread and cheese for lunch and would often share the convent meals in the evening. We biked around Brest and Perros-Guirec and made it out as far as the Pointe du Raz.

Back in Paris, I would sleep out all night with friends from Fordham on the tip of the Isle de la Cité in Paris and right outside the old monastery at Vézelay. It was 1953, and we listened to Queen Elizabeth's coronation on a portable radio.

#### HOW IT MATTERED

Since my JYF, I have stayed in touch with France, becoming a professor of French literature and passionate about French poetry and art, about which I write, as well as other topics.

**In the summers, I live in a small field house, a cabanon, in the Vaucluse, part of Provence. In its brilliant sunlight, I have never gotten over the effects of my Junior Year in France.**

## JYF of the '50s

JAMES REID SBC JYF 1953-54, PRINCETON '55

*This article is a dedication to the memory of an old and dear friend from Sweet Briar College Junior Year in France 1953-54, the late Ambassador James Rentschler, Yale 1955, who died in the Paris that he loved in the Spring of 2007. I hope that the thoughts I express, although my own, are shared by many of those who spent that memorable year in Paris, 1953-54.*



James Reid and dear friend Millicent Mass stroll along the Quai des Grands Augustin in spring of 1954.

My 1953-54 Junior Year in France under Sweet Briar College auspices changed my life. It was precisely the dramatic, innovating experience that James Joyce called an epiphany. What an extraordinary metamorphosis it was from the sheltered, predictable life of U.S. colleges and universities in the 1950s. Suddenly, I was more independent and confronted innumerable and undreamed-of horizons. In that existentially charged atmosphere, which witnessed the evolving Cold War with the Soviet Union, and such traumatic volte-faces for the status quo as the French collapse in Indochina, one came into daily contact with hitherto unknown people, events, and cultural experiences.

It all began in Tours. We romanticized the arduous realities of the Vendange, bicycled with élan to the chateaux of Amboise and Azay-le-Rideaux, imagined *la vie de Bohème* as we philosophized about mortality, sipped Dubonnets on the terrace of Le Gran Ture, and meditated about existentialist despair and human angst.

What we found in Tours and Paris was a new intellectual focus. In the morning sessions of our modest classroom in Tours, I encountered the works of Parnassian poets Leconte de Lisle and Charles Baudelaire. Baudelaire's poem, *L'Albatros*, made a profound impression on me. I realized that poetry was endowed with both literary aesthetics and pragmatic impact.

How relevant for all of us is the plight of the albatross as Baudelaire described it, echoing the idea of the "turning of a leaf," and how one's existence can be suddenly changed. In the poem, this majestic bird is humbled when it inadvertently lands on a ship's deck where it is mocked and humiliated by crude seamen. The poet and the albatross have much in common, yet almost all of us share a similarity with the bird at those moments when we find our lives changed in seconds. This was the sort of idea that we earnestly discussed over the one Dubonnet that our allowances would permit after class on the terrace.

For me, this poem would come to have other relevance, as indeed would the publications of French writers like Charles Wiener, André Breton, Paul Marcoy, and others who had traveled to South America in the 19th century. In 1953, I could not predict that I would find my own "great adventure" in South America riding high into the Andes to remote villages and gathering material for my books. Nor could I visualize myself sailing around Cape Horn more than 70 times. On one special occasion, I helped a naturalist on board launch an albatross that became stranded on the ship's promenade. Each time I



Dr. Caws lecturing at Missouri Southern State University and abroad visiting Machu Picchu



approach Cape Horn, I see the Chilean naval outpost atop the hillside and the diamond-shaped cutout of an albatross in flight. El Albatros, a poem by Sara Vial, is engraved on the plaque below the monument:

*I am the Albatross  
Who awaits you at the end of the world  
I am the soul of all the mariners  
who have disappeared in these turbulent waters.*

*They have not perished,  
Rather, they have been cradled for eternity,  
In the winds and the waves.*

As with many experiences in my life—and certainly, in the lives of all those who had the good fortune to travel to France through Sweet Briar College—the example of the two albatross poems underlines a fundamental factor of importance that began in France: continuity. Certain threads became omnipresent in my life, shaping it with interests and overall gestalt. I suspect (after discussing these ideas with such 1953–54 close friends as Millicent Maas (pictured) and the late Ambassador James Rentschler) that other participants in 1953–54 share some of the following sentiments.

**Humanism over technology:** I learned that humanism was practical as well as cultural. Certainly it was art, architecture, theater, literature, opera, ballet, all of which are the apotheosis of human creativity, but also medical, scientific, and other technological advances. Technology became marvelous. It is vital that we dominate it and not be dominated by it.

**The example of great men who combine intellect and action:** I found the example of André Malraux of transcendental impact. He was a man who had described his 1920s Cambodian adventures in *La Voie Royale* and, although criticized for bringing back ancient Khmer statues to France, actually demonstrated remarkable prescience. When I was in Vietnam in 1967–68, and organizing clandestine U.S. operations in Cambodia with Prince Sihanouk (described in a forthcoming book by former *New York Times* Editor and Pulitzer Prize Administrator Seymour Topping), I discovered that the Khmer Rouge were using the area where those statues had been located as mortar bases! Malraux would go on to participate as a pilot in the Spanish Civil War and later become Minister of Culture under President de Gaulle, a man of action and intellect.

**Appreciating the value of the moment:** When you finally arrive at your destination, do not be disappointed with what you find; the key is the totality of your experiences during the voyage, as Constantine Cavafy wrote in the poem, *Ithaka*. I learned to savor the moment during that year in France, especially as a flaneur.

**Pleasures of the flaneur:** *Flaneur* is to stroll leisurely, to experience atmosphere. And how wonderfully Paris educated us in this regard! There were strolls through the Tuilleries, along the Boulevard St. Germain, along the quais of the Seine, and over the Pont Neuf to Le Vert Galant—with the statue of Henri IV who was assassinated in 1610 by the fanatic Ravaillac. And along the Quai des Grands Augustins, *bouquinistes* introduced us to the Kama Sutra, which seemed to be the glory of eroticism!

**Interest in art:** The charm of many sights we encountered and the artists who had painted them: Sisley, Monet, Pissarro, Caillebotte, Matisse, Marquet, Van Dongen, and Bernard Buffet had a major impact on my life. I exhibited my oil paintings internationally, being elected a permanent societaire to the Salon d'Automne in 1972. I have always been an inveterate collector of eclectic art. My experience in France combined with my interest in South America inspired me to write 14 art books published in London, New York, and Lima, as well as numerous catalogues for institutions like President Chirac's Musée du quai Branly.



James Reid greets Agoli Agba III, Dedyalagni, King of Bénin

**Passion for travel:** Art inspired several of us to travel beyond the Louvre and Jeu de Paume to more distant venues of Florence, Rome, and Venice during breaks. Medieval art was a special stimulus for my good friend in the program, Millicent Maas, who, fascinated by Notre Dame, was inspired to embark upon the pilgrimage to Chartres and its magnificent cathedral. There were trips to the haunts of the Impressionists: Moret-Sur-Loing to evoke Sisley, to Vetheuil and Giverny to the world of Monet, and to Honfleur and the Normandy coast where Boudin had painted.

**New dimensions in terms of thoughts, attitudes, and the purpose of life:** The 1950s, as Stanley Karnow describes in his book, *Paris in the 1950s*, was the era of the Existentialists, of Simone de Beauvoir's *All Men are Mortal*, of Albert Camus' *L'Etranger*, and above all of Jean-Paul Sartre's astonishing *Existentialism is a Humanism*. They followed the great tradition of writers like Proust and Gide and, in the case of Sartre, proved influential to me in taking decisive actions, accepting their responsibility, and determining their significance.

**Intellectual curiosity:** In the Paris of the 1950s, how could we not be stimulated to an awareness of new horizons of intellectual curiosity!

**Breadth of vision and willingness to listen to and understand the views of other peoples and nations:** I came to appreciate how important this was, not only from lectures, but also from daily life in cosmopolitan Paris.

**Continuous importance of the French language:** My ability to speak and write French has always been an indispensable asset to me both personally and professionally. As a U.S. Military Officer at S.H.A.P.E (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe), 1964–67, I worked in Intelligence Operations regarding Russia and Eastern Europe. In 1967–68, when I was in Vietnam, French contacts provided invaluable assistance in the Top Secret Operation Vesuvius in Cambodia. Recently, in traveling to West Africa to gather material for my art publications and the origins of Brazil's Carnaval, French ties helped to arrange meetings with the Republic of Bénin's King Agoli Agba III, Dedyalagni.

**The desire to maintain a close association with France by living there:** After returning from Vietnam in 1968, stimulated by the advice of Madame Andre Lhote, whose late husband was a cubist painter there, I traveled to the Drome, south of Lyon, and at Mirmande, with its spectacular view of the Rhone river, acquired a 15th century house on the village's main street. The price proved to be extremely modest and was based upon the number of tiles on the roof!

In conclusion: *merci mille fois*, Sweet Briar College Junior Year in France, for enriching my life and the lives of many in our group during that memorable 1953–54 Year in Tours, the chateaux country along the Loire river and in Paris, the eternal "Ville Lumière."

# SBC JYF 1959–60

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**Joe Carroll and Ashley Carroll '10 at Sweet Briar.**

**The SBC JYF program changed my life personally and professionally.** I would like to share two stories that will relate to many who have traveled or studied in Paris.

In the '80s, I became publisher of a weekly trade newspaper called *Furniture/Today*. Although I had taught French at various universities for eight years, my opportunities

to speak the language dwindled once I went into publishing. I only used my French on occasional meetings of the local Alliance Française. One day I received a brochure from Sweet Briar promoting a week-long reunion of JYF alumnae in Paris. The brochure was timely, as I had been looking for an opportunity to return to France.

Still thinking about business when I arrived in Paris, I paid a visit to the director of the Salon du Meuble, an annual furniture trade show. He had been advertising regularly in one of our competitor's magazines. I delivered my sales pitch in French to the director (who spoke little English); he was both impressed and grateful. He thanked me for flying to Paris just to ask for his business, and the show is still an exclusive advertiser with us today.

About 10 years ago I was in Paris attending the same

furniture show. I took the last day of my trip to visit my old student haunts. I went immediately to the Sorbonne to see if I could find my old classrooms.

The courtyard was unchanged, but new security guards watched the entrance. I used my most eloquent French to persuade them that I had been a student in 1959–60 and had no terrorist intentions. I found the gallery classroom where I had audited Antoine Adam's Siecle de Lumieres, an 18th century literature course. Beside the door, a sign indicated that a class would begin in 15 minutes. I couldn't resist taking a seat at the top of the gallery near the door, should I need to escape.

As the classroom filled with students of many nationalities, I felt taken back in time. A bare table and a single chair waited on the stage below. An attractive woman entered with a student assistant who began distributing

notes. He handed me a set as if I were a regular attendee.

The professor was electrifying. I can't recall a more stimulating 90 minutes. When I was a student I could understand perhaps 35% of what the professor said. Now, I could understand almost every word. To understand a brilliant lecture, free from having to take notes or be anxious about an impending exam, was an experience I will never forget.

When I proposed to my wife in 1990, we decided to be married in Paris. The editor of the French furniture magazine pulled a lot of strings (another story in itself) to help us accomplish what we had been told by the U.S. State Department was almost impossible.

We arrived in Paris on a Thursday, with the wedding, a civil ceremony, scheduled for noon on Saturday at the mairie of the 9th arrondissement. We

In those days we traveled to France by a boat, the *Mauretania*, which helped us sense the distance between France and the United States, a phenomenon lost through air travel. **In 1960, cultures were much farther apart than the internet allows today.** (Not only were there no McDonald's, but ketchup was unheard of.) Although I didn't realize it at the time, France was still licking its physical and psychological wounds from World War II. The few of many examples jotted below of my junior year in France are testimonies to the lasting effect of France on my life and serve as reasons why I moved to France forty years ago.

I lived with three other SBC JYF attendees: Mary Healy, Louise DeCosta, and Anne Ambler, in the Touraine during our six-week introductory course at the University of Tours. Our home was a mini château owned by a family with seven boys ranging in age from several months to sixteen years old (the three-year-old thought my slippers were real rabbits). In the evenings we watched their father, baguette brandished like a sword, chase the seven-year-old and black sheep of

**The 13th group of SBC JYF attendees arriving in France in 1960.**

## Memories of SBC JYF 1960–61

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## Learning to See

DR. GEORGE W. McDANIEL JYF 1964-65 B.A. SEWANEE THE OHIO UNIVERSITY MAT IN HISTORY BROWN UNIVERSITY '72 PH.D. DUKE UNIVERSITY '79

arrived at the mairie to sign the final documents at 11 a.m., Friday. The *petit fonctionnaire* (bureaucrat) whose signature and approval was essential, gave us a Gallie pouf and shrug and said his office would close at noon; there wasn't enough time to do all the paperwork. We would have to come back on Monday. Then, a women in his office looked at him sternly and said, "monsieur, nous ne sommes pas la police; c'est une question de l'amour." ("We are not the police; this is about love.") He shrugged again and acquiesced.

My wife and I now return to France every year for our vacation. We rent a house in Provence, in the village of Menherbes, where Peter Mayle was living when he wrote, *A Year in Provence*.

You now know how my life was changed both professionally and personally by my Junior Year in France. I send a contribution

every year to the R. John Matthews scholarship fund with hope that I will be able to provide a life-changing experience for a deserving student. I have set aside a larger amount in my will to support the program.

I am most proud that my granddaughter, Ashley, chose to attend Sweet Briar rather than my alma mater, UVA. After visiting both campuses she preferred the small classes, the personal attention from her instructors and the feeling of closeness and friendship that was so evident during our visit. I had no plans to influence her decision but, confidentially, Sweet Briar was my choice as well. I am very proud to be both a JYF alumnus and the grandfather of a future SBC alumna.

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George McDaniel (right) and friends on an afternoon in Paris.

After all these years, there is one particular experience that continues to shape my life. During my JYF I was given the chance to participate in a wonderful class at the Louvre that taught me how to look at art.

I grew up in Atlanta, a small city at that time, and while French literature was accessible, the history of art was not in our curriculum. Art museums were not a part of our lives. Before leaving for Paris at age 19, I visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. I wanted to see Rembrandt's painting, *Aristotle Contemplating the Bust of Homer*, whose recent purchase by the Met at 2.3 million dollars had made headlines. When I looked at the painting, I expected something great to happen. After all, I'd read fine writers like Racine, Flaubert, and Saint-Exupéry and felt enlightened. At a younger age, I'd paid good money to go to the concert in Atlanta when Ray Charles was first recorded singing live: "What I'd Say!"; "Yes, Indeed!"; and "The Night Time Is Right Time". Something beyond words had moved me! But as I looked at the painting, nothing occurred. I left, puzzled.

the family around the dining room table.

In our free time, we traveled along the Loire by motor scooter or bike, stopping off at the limestone caves and sampling wine. We felt Rabelaisian: the light, the grapes, the warmth! We looked for pumpkins for an early Halloween celebration and met a farmer who said we could take as many as we wanted because "Vive les Américains! Ils nous ont sauvés des Boches." ("Long live the Americans! They saved us from the Krauts.")

On my first night in Paris, I was overwhelmed by the scintillating *Place de la Concorde*, a half moon pasted in the sky next to the Eiffel Tower in the distance. This was an unfathomable change from dull, clean New England. *Café au lait* and a *tartine* were a delight brought to me by a maid in the morning, yet newspaper squares for toilet paper were less welcome.

Through Paris, we rode on quaint, open platforms at the back of busses, raced to slip through the metal doors of metros, and had our tickets punched by a little mustachioed man. I waited with 300 other students for the doors of the Sorbonne amphitheater to open

and then was crushed by the wave of 300 students emerging from the previous lecture.

During the Salan/Jouhoud putsch of Algeria in 1961, we listened to the radio to De Gaulle's resounding, "Françaises, Français, aidez-moi!" During that same attempted putsch, we watched Monsieur Serullaz, our impeccable, lavender-scented 19th century art teacher at the Louvre, come to class exhausted and unshaven, having guarded the art treasures of France from the anticipated paratroopers, who were going to, I never understood, hold the paintings for ransom?

I could reminisce about the wonderful theater performance our talented group put on at the conclusion of our stay in Tours or the various trips I took in France and other countries with SBC JYF attendees. But that would take too long. Let me just close by saying that the France I live in today is very different from that of 47 years ago—less picturesque, less gentle, less unique. But isn't that true of all countries in this interconnected world?



JYF students crossing the Atlantic.

Once in Paris, I enrolled in an art history course at the Louvre. The experience challenged me for the subject was new, and the lectures and exams, of course, were in French. On Friday afternoons, our professor lectured for an hour with slides, introducing us to art from the medieval through the 20th century periods; the next hour, she focused on a specific French painter of the 19th century. On Mondays, we went to the Louvre, and she interpreted works of the specific artist in depth and, for the next hour, the art from the general period in history. The course led us through the Louvre to the Jeu de Paume and to the Musée de L'Art Moderne. For our year-end exam, we had to write essays on 19th century French painting and be able to identify any painting by any painter from any one of those three museums and to explain the rationale for our choice.

During that year I spent hours in the art museums of Madrid, Rome, Florence, Venice, Athens, Munich, Brussels, Amsterdam, and London. I came to appreciate the architecture and landscapes of Europe. In August, I returned to New York, revisited the Metropolitan, and sought out Rembrandt's painting. This time, I couldn't take my eyes off it. I savored it. I could see one thing, and another thing, and another. It was a feast for my eyes. I could see it.

That experience shaped my career. I'm now director of Drayton Hall, an 18th century historic site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation near Charleston, SC, where I strive to help visitors learn to see what is before them. Our programs help them learn to perceive the architecture, landscape, and diverse people of Drayton Hall as they once were. This commitment has led us to develop a new handheld DVD device, completed in partnership with the History Channel. As visitors walk through the landscape, they can better envision change and continuity as they view historical drawings, documents, and photographs and hear oral history interviews with people who lived here. The DVD also shows images of how the natural vicinity might have appeared (with nearby condos) had our campaigns to preserve it been unsuccessful. This instrument brought me back to my experience at the Met; it is a tool that helps others see more than what is there. It helps them to imagine.

What I learned during my junior year abroad is that few of us can develop that ability to see by ourselves. It takes gifted teachers, serious thought, and an appealing subject. The result leads us to open our eyes and more importantly, our minds.

For more information about Drayton Hall visit  
[www.draytonhall.org](http://www.draytonhall.org).



Southern plantation home  
Drayton Hall in South Carolina

Jane Pinckney Hanahan '57 and Drayton Hall major supporter Sally Reahard '30. Dr. McDaniel is now the executive director of Drayton Hall, a southern plantation home and National Trust Historic Site, near Charleston, SC.

## SBC JYF 1973–74

KARIN LINDGREN '75

On Thursday, September 6, 1973, I sailed out of New York aboard the S.S. France for what I expected would be a year-long vacation. Little did I know on that day that I was undertaking a learning experience that continues even now.

I received my first lasting impression while at sea. Mesmerized by the vast expanse of blue surrounding the ship, I felt free of all constraints and obligations. Those were the most stress-free days I have ever known. I lost all sense of the passage of time and had a fleeting notion that eternity must be like that. I wished that I could spend the rest of my life in that state of serenity.

On Tuesday, September 11, the *France* docked at Le Havre. People lined the shore. They clapped and shouted as the ship passed. We hastily disembarked and boarded busses headed for Caen, where we spent our first night in France. The following day, we arrived at Tours. The sweeping white staircases of L'Institut de La Touraine, where we would spend the next six weeks taking intensive language courses, loomed before us.

As soon as we were settled in Tours, we were subjected to a battery of placement tests. None of us knew at which level we had placed, for the seven groups were discretely named for châteaux in the Loire Valley. Along with courses in written and spoken French, we took a history course. The professor, M. Borius, gave us a thorough history of modern France, during which he emphasized World War I and World War II. At that time, I was not interested in the world wars. I daydreamed while M. Borius lectured about the Maginot Line, the Resistance and the collaborators. That I did not appreciate the course fully is my everlasting regret, for I have since come to care deeply about history and have a particular interest in World War II. I must have learned something from M. Borius, although I recall putting up my own passive resistance while in his class.

Although World War II was a distant shadow to me, its memory was fresh in the minds of my French hosts. War stories were a popular topic of conversation, and I learned of the hardships that the French had endured during the German Occupation. My Parisian hostess, Mme. Andrée Nolleau, told me that her husband, a barrister, had participated in the Nuremberg War Trials. She told of herself and her neighbors covering the windows of their apartments with tar paper so that the snipers who perched among the turrets of L'Ecole des Arts et Métiers across the street could not tell when lights were on and take the opportunity to shoot. There was a curfew by which time all French nationals had to be off the streets. A Frenchman out after curfew risked being shot. She told of days when food was rationed and people in Occupied France could have only one new pair of shoes per year. For me, not having bacon and eggs for breakfast and being limited to two showers per week (frequent complaints of American students) seemed a small sacrifice in comparison to those the French had made during the war. I realized that, had I been born thirty years earlier, I might not have had the opportunity to spend my junior year in France. In all likelihood, I would have had to put my college education on hold and go to work to support the war effort.

In Paris, I took some interesting courses, including a course in 20th century literature under Raphael Molho. M. Molho's thorough knowledge of the social and historical context of each work we studied increased my appreciation of modern literature significantly. I also took a political science course divided into two parts: the *cours magistral*, or lecture, and the TD (*travaux dirigés*), a small group in which we did written and oral exercises. I recall cringing when, near the end of the first semester, my TD professor told me that I had a tendency to invent words which were "delightfully comical."

**Although my French improved significantly that year, I went home having learned a more important lesson. I had gained a profound respect for history, along with a deep appreciation of my home, family and friends.**

## SBC JYF 1988-89

BRUCE DEMICHAELS

B.A. IN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
M.B.A. THUNDERBIRD SCHOOL OF GLOBAL MANAGEMENT

My experience with the Sweet Briar JYF program changed my life. It was through this trip and the wonderful people I met that I was able to come out of my shell and become who I am today.

Though a shy person, I made the decision early that my nature would not prevent me from enjoying this great opportunity, and immediately I started getting to know the other 137 students in the program. My efforts paid off. I found a group of wonderful people, life-long friends with whom I shared all kinds of adventures that year and ever since. A strong bond formed between us as we learned together in classes and were immersed in a new environment.

Paris is like no other city. 1988, the bicentennial of the French Revolution, was a spectacular year to experience it. The vibrant place drew me in; I absorbed every shop-front, edifice, street, park, and church I could find.

While I took most of my classes at Sciences Po, my favorite class was offered through the SBC JYF curriculum: Paris A Travers Ses Monuments. Suzanne Oswald, our teacher, would take us on a weekly field trip that gave us the chance to experience history firsthand through the architecture and art of the locations we visited. Each week brought a new adventure and a deeper hunger for discovery. I started dragging my group of friends off to explore new areas of the city and to further my knowledge of French history whenever I could.

When the metro workers went on strike in solidarity for their postal worker compatriots, I didn't fret about getting around the city; rather, I took to the streets. The walk to school was long, but exhilarating.

On days when I wasn't in a rush, I would alter my route slightly, visiting new streets and finding new treasures. The walking did wonders for me, both physically and mentally. I developed a great appetite that I quenched at patisseries along the way. Thankfully, the walking outweighed the caloric intake of my new pastime, and my outings with friends became a class of my own making: Paris A Travers Ses Patissieries. At the top of the list was the crêpe man outside the Alliance Française who made a banana-nutella crêpe that has yet to be surpassed and believe me, I have searched.

I look back at that year with great nostalgia and savor the memories. There were countless dinner parties at Dina and Rose's apartment, both fellow SBC JYF students. Rose and I experimented with food combinations and tortured Dina by making her our taster. Each dinner culminated in great conversations, talking politics, telling stories, and sharing our dreams. It was magical.

**During that year I developed a continuing passion for life, for experiencing new things, and for savoring wonderful friendships.** While our group has scattered across the country, and even the world, the bond we shared that year still links us, and when we email, talk on the phone, or see each other it is as if no time has passed at all.

We'll always have Paris.



## JYF Memories 1995-96

STEPHANIE BARGE ABDULIN

From the start, my time in France was like a fairytale. I lived in Tours and Paris and met extraordinary people in both places. The host family in Tours took us to a political campaign picnic in the verdant hills of the Loire Valley. Speeches were belted from underneath a large, plastic, white tent in the middle of the countryside. We enjoyed a full course dinner accompanied by techno music and got an autograph from the Former Minister of Economy Alain Madelin. On a special day in Paris, I happened to be standing next to the organizers of a school event as they greeted Former Prime Minister Edouard Balladur exiting his car. I remained momentarily in awe while proceeding after them into a room with high ceilings, polished wood floors, long mirrors framed in gold, and intricate carved designs on the white walls.

While in Tours, SBC organized an intense month-long tutorial to help us pass the Sciences Po entrance exam when we arrived in Paris. This offered the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to study at L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, a prestigious educational institution that has schooled historical leaders and civil servants of France. We learned to write research papers and conduct presentations using a hypothesis-anti-hypothesis-synthesis framework, otherwise known as "The Sciences Po Plan." The reading rooms of the libraries had long, narrow tables, and shelves bulging with economics, politics, and international relations books and academic journals. Staff gathered books for us in the stacks, while we ran to a nearby café for a baguette sandwich. They notified us when the books were ready at the desk. SBC's excellent tutorial enabled us to supplement and apply what we learned in the Sciences Po lectures. One of our tutors, an expert on subjects from development economics to European unification policies, was from Bénin. He challenged us to perform our very best and demonstrated great patience in answering questions, always ensuring that we understood the subject matter.

Outside the classroom, I gained valuable glimpses of life in Africa and of African immigrants in France. My host family had a son who had lived in Chad for two years. During that time he collected art objects, my favorite of which was a carved wooden figurine of thin people paddling a narrow canoe. His friends from Chad visited and brought along non-perishable food. For the first time, I tasted smoked and dried meats, plantains, plantain chips, and nuts from Africa. Their brimming smiles, sincerity, and penchant for storytelling made time spent with them entertaining and informative. I also explored France's immigrant community with a friend of the family who had immigrated from Africa. She took me to the outskirts of Paris, where we wandered into the bargain shops with everything from clothing to household goods. She spoke of the challenge to find a well-paying job and an affordable, safe place to live in Paris.

**Studying development economics with a professor from Benin, meeting friends of my host family from Chad, and talking to a peer African immigrant while living in France sparked my interest in international development, which led me to pursue a career in that field.** I am grateful to the SBC JYF Office for providing me with a grant, and for the administrative support led by the late Madame Carol Denis in the Paris Office, which made my time in France exciting, productive, and insightful.

# A Lesson From Paris, SBC JYF 1996-97

CANDICE BROUGHTON-MAILLARD '98



The Sorbonne

Once in France, the SBC JYF practicum helped me slip from my worries into eating from the hands of the French, my assumed "foe."

While at the Sorbonne, I had a heated conversation with one administrator who tried to convince me that I did not exist there as a student. I showed him all of my documentation (love letters to the French) and even my student card with the smiley photo of myself on it. The gentleman remained unmoved and gave me a French shrug, which told me that his day would be totally unaltered by my having been in it. Somehow within the frustration, we came to an understanding. I had been talking to the wrong person in the wrong bureau. As a private experiment to see what this man *en colère* would do, I apologized. The heavens opened. I could see Monet grinning down on me from above. The administrator looked straight into my face for the first time since I had approached his desk, and he said it was no problem and to have a nice day. He even sounded like he meant it. I left with a lighter step and as a richer person due to our "conversation." He wasn't my enemy because I was American. No, it was because he was French and expressed himself differently. It may sound simplistic, but it was a profound lesson for me. My perspective was changed. Previously, I would get frustrated while in lines at airports and post offices in France, thinking all the while that process would take a fraction of the time in the United States. **The French had an unfamiliar way of doing things a way that I could appreciate, learn from and enjoy.** This perspective helps me more often than I can say, especially living here in Los Angeles where my neighbor could easily become my foe for lack of my own understanding and willingness to learn from him. This is why I still say, *Je t'aime, Paris!*

## JYF 2003-04

HILARIE ASHTON, WILLIAMS COLLEGE '05

Anyone who has lived somewhere and loved it cherishes indelible images of that place, and I am no exception, especially in reference to Paris. When I think back to my time on the Sweet Briar Junior Year in France program in academic year 2003-2004, the city spreads itself out in my memory, unfurling images from all the months I spent there: bursts of springtime leaves skirting the Boulevard Raspail and framing St. Germain des Pres, shadows of bridges along the Seine, little children's footsteps tracing the snow-swept fountains in the Jardin du Luxembourg, the autumn sun streaming through the second-floor window in the Musée d'Orsay.

**Though the sights are precious to me, memories of the sounds of Paris often resonate more vividly.** They crop up quickly in pensive moments, even amid the bustle of multilingual Manhattan where I live. Sometimes the trigger is obvious—the strains of an accordion in the subway help recall the tune of an accordéon played on the Pont Neuf, and the brave and bright voice of Edith Piaf pulsing from an American coffee shop is the same as in a café in Pigalle. Other times, they are brought on more subtly, like the up-and-down, unfamiliar Arabic rhythms wafting from a storefront on my corner, reminding me of the Lebanese restaurants of my Parisian quartier.

Even more vivid than the city sounds is the diverse palette of the spoken sounds from my French home and university life. It takes little effort to recall the cadences of my three younger host sisters' voices in our weekly English lessons: the faceted political discussions with Mathilde, the analyses of Molière and Rowling with Raphaëlle, and the read-alongs of Eloise books with Juliette. Almost as easily, I hear the thick, accented French of our Portuguese housekeeper, Maria, whose mnemonic device for my name was "*île à riz*." I hear the voice of my literature TA at Paris IV exhorting us through our trembling *explications de texte*, and I hear Piaf, again, this time in the context of Phonétique lessons and the tapes that Denise would play for the class of Piaf's brilliant turn in Cocteau's "*Le Bel Indifférent*."

While in France, the parameters of my inner and outer personalities shifted to assimilate new elements. The culture and language that I absorbed alchemized a French self within me—the part whose voice drops a fraction when speaking French words, whose hands count numbers and knock on doors differently, and whose lips now purse in a different, Gallic way. That side of me stays alive in the sonic snapshots that preserve my time in Paris, existing as a motivating force with which I will continue learning, growing, and traveling. The public and private memories of my year in France, which I will always cherish, meld my French life together with the American one that I've been re-inhabiting. They each take part in my desires to travel, practice literary criticism, and make the world better—together they shape me as a citizen of an international community.



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# St. Andrews, 1962–63

GRACE MARY GARRY OATES '64

M.A. IN ENGLISH, DUKE UNIVERSITY '66

PH.D. IN ENGLISH, DUKE UNIVERSITY '74

When I think of St. Andrews, I see red gowns: red gowns against gray stone, against blue sky, red gowns blown out like balloons atop bicycles, red gowns huddled before coal fires. There are other images in my head, of course: the romantic ruins of cathedral and castle, the sea beating against pier and cliffs, the stroll across the Old Course to the West Sands (much to the consternation of the golfers). But everywhere there were the gowns, the emblems of who we were. Though I would have been a high and mighty junior at Sweet Briar, I was, for non-academic purposes, a Bejantine (feminine of Bejant, a freshman) during my first term at St. Andrews. That meant I had to entertain at the Bejantine Tea, sing the Gaudi on Raisin Monday and present a pound of grapes (actually, a bottle of sherry) to my senior woman, Priscilla Langley, just back from her year at Sweet Briar; but it also meant I had to wear my gown right up on my shoulders, like a coat. (An official Tertian second term, I could slip it coolly off one shoulder; but only back at Sweet Briar could I trail it behind me in the impractical but grand manner of a Magistrand). However we wore them, the gowns were beautiful. In them we looked like flocks of cardinals suddenly settling on the Quad or being blown about by the fierce wind off the North Sea. They were woolen and heavy, with great sleeves like wings; they were probably the warmest things that any of us owned and in those days, in the dark backward and abysm of time, warmth was definitely an issue.

I arrived at St. Andrews on the heels of a sweltering Texas summer, weather so hot that it made the clothes in your dresser drawer feel as if they'd just emerged from the dryer. It was October, and I'd never been so cold in my life, not inside anyway. I was assigned to University Hall, a women's residence a windy bike ride away from the Quad, and already my room felt like a refrigerator. Next door was a new dormitory (where fellow Sweet Briar student Tappy Lynn resided) equipped with that miracle of modernity, central heating. But at Hall we were traditional: each of our rooms contained a fireplace with a coal grate, and outside the door, three times a week, a scuttle of coal appeared. Charming to be sure, but hardly comforting as I contemplated the winter before me! I resolved not to shiver. Having abandoned the idea of studying in the library (my habit at Sweet Briar) because my fingers grew too numb to turn the pages, I pulled my desk close to the fire, wrapped up in my gown, and slogged through my Anglo-Saxon, baking on one side and freezing on the other. I quickly ran out of coal. A visit to the ironmonger soon revealed that, though not expensive, coal is unbelievably heavy, quite impossible to balance in a bicycle basket. So I began hoarding and spending time with my friends.

Judith Henderson lived right across the hall from me. A true Bejantine, not quite eighteen, pretty, funny, and very smart, she was the first person I met upon my arrival. Somehow I managed to understand her Ayrshire accent and she my Texas drawl. Just around the corner was Kate Kinsella, a Londoner, another Bejantine, witty, breezy, warm, with a face right out of a Pre-Raphaelite painting. Geography brought us together, but we became friends, so they claim to this day, because of coal, a claim I stoutly deny. I do confess to many a happy evening in which I abandoned Pope and Fielding and Beowulf in the chill of my room to sit pleasantly before the fire in one of theirs, having our coffee and biscuits as we wound our circuitous way through youth and dreams and the expectations of all that time



yet to come. There were other friends, of course, but they are part of the tapestry of memory, forever young, frozen in time like the gray stone skyline. Kate and Judith, on the other hand, have been two of the great friends of my life.

We were not always snuggled before the fire drinking coffee. Usually we were flying about on our bicycles or climbing in the ruins or otherwise experiencing the great adventure of St. Andrews. And of course we were going to lectures. The lecturers wore flimsy black gowns, rather sad compared to our brilliant red, but their arrival in the lecture hall was greeted with a great stamping of feet, the equivalent of applause, and the lectures themselves were punctuated by the stamping or, to register disapproval, the shuffling of feet. Sad to say, many of their faces and words have faded from memory, but I can see and hear one of them as if he were standing before me this moment: Mr. L., let us call him. He was in fact a splendid lecturer, with the satiric tone of the eighteenth century he loved. No one shuffled his feet while Mr. L. was speaking: we were all terrified of him. Even in that freezing lecture hall, people were in a literal sweat on the days he returned exams or papers. The process was particularly trying if one happened to be female. "The gentlemen may collect their papers in my office after class," he would announce. "The ladies' papers are here." And there was a thunderous noise as he slammed our papers down on the desk. Even though he praised my paper on *Tom Jones* to the class with what sounded like real enthusiasm, he never troubled to find out who I was or what I looked like. I was a long way from Sweet Briar. Occasionally, I entertain myself with the fantasy of his walking into a lecture hall today. Alas, Justice is not only blind but sometimes absent: Mr. L. slipped away long before he could experience the Women's Movement.

Yes, it was all a long time ago, the time of things to come, the time before the rest of our lives. If one is lucky, there is a certain magic about such a time. **There was that magic at Sweet Briar, of course, but St. Andrews worked enchantment of a different sort.** The world was much larger in those days, and the cliffs above the North Sea were very far indeed from the fields and pastures of Central Texas, even from the Blue Ridge Mountains. The distance was measured not merely in miles but in time. I was privileged to pay my first visit to the Old World when it still seemed old, which it assuredly does not today, and to make it in a place sufficiently removed from the traffic of the world and so filled with a sense of its own history that in some marvelous, indefinable way we inhabited the past there even as we contemplated the possibilities of our own mysterious futures. As we all knew, St. Andrews was full of ghosts, and surely we in our red gowns were descendants of some of them.

# 2006-07 Academic Year at St. Andrews University, Scotland

KATE BEACH '09

"I'm never going to eat another potato as long as I live," I told my parents and friends vehemently after returning home from a year of studying abroad at the University of St. Andrews. Whenever anyone asked my mother how I liked studying in Scotland, she always explained that the only thing I complained about was the food. After a year of dealing with the unexpected in unfamiliar countries, I have to admit that my experience was astonishingly positive.

When I went out for dinner on the weekends, a welcome break from the unrecognizable hall food, the people and their lifestyles gradually came to interest me more and more. One instance in particular struck me: a snow-capped old lady brought her West

Highland White Terrier into a pub. The little dog was dressed in a tartan blanket. The lady ordered a bowl of soup for herself and water, which she shared with her Westie. To me, they represented an unfamiliar existence, one of simplicity, modesty, and class without flamboyance. A small-town, Scottish feeling radiated from her; watching her, I felt as though I was part of a painting that had suddenly come to life.

The people of the town shaped my experience. Heading over to Scotland, I had very little knowledge of what to expect; however, I imagined kind, welcoming Scots with a distinct accent and a proud culture. **I knew that St. Andrews was an international university, but I never would have guessed that my close group of friends would be from all over the world.** I was also surprised to find a large number of American students in the town, either studying abroad like me or spending all four years there. At first, I was a little dismayed at how many Americans were in the town and on my hall, but as I got to know them, I discovered how wonderful it was to go through new, challenging experiences with people who shared a similar background. Nevertheless, I certainly did not find that the Americans were the only people I could relate to. I quickly discovered how similar my goals and dreams were to those of my foreign friends, even our sense of humor and tastes in music and movies were very much alike. The conscious or subconscious stereotypes I formed about people from other cultures before leaving America rarely held true; my year abroad forced me to evaluate individuals as individuals. For me, the most valuable part of my time overseas was meeting people and learning just by living a different lifestyle. By interacting with people from all over, I became aware and deeply interested in global issues, ideas, and lifestyles that had never been of personal concern before. Busy with social activities and classes, I wasn't able to fully realize that each day I spent in Scotland brought about personal growth. Reflecting on the year, I now recognize some of the drastic changes (I'm sure more are still manifesting) in myself. Some trivial, like swearing never to eat another potato, but others of vital importance to me now, like my perspective, immediate interests, and acceptance of other peoples and cultures.



Kate Beach in  
St. Andrews, Scotland



## Joining the Peace Corps at 73

DR. VIRGINIA CHAMBLIN GREENE '55

While I was having breakfast on a wintry day after Christmas, it occurred to me that I eat the same thing every morning. That's all right because I like scrambled eggs, but it made me wonder if my life was in a rut. For the record, I graduated from SBC in 1955 as chemistry major. Next, I earned a master's degree in chemistry from Tulane University and in 1963 received a Ph. D. in chemistry from the University of Virginia. I worked as an associate professor at Longwood University for a few years, and then went to the FBI in Washington D.C., where I ended up planning, designing, and eventually creating a research laboratory. I married and moved to Charlottesville, VA, where I worked in a civilian capacity for the Army as a chemical warfare analyst. Since retirement in 1994, I've done some volunteering at a Siamese Cat Rescue Shelter, discovered rock climbing, learned to hitch and drive a team of four Belgian horses, and done some reading for the local Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic organization.

A magazine I saw in the doctor's office mentioned

a fairly common malady encountered by people my age: "Early-Onset Old Lady." I certainly did not want to catch that! Less than a week later, I filled out an online application to join the Peace Corps. That was New Year's Day. I hadn't researched the Peace Corps, but I knew it offered adventure and a chance to do good in the world. I had to give it a try. The three months that followed my application submission gave me the time I needed to think about my decision.

As it turns out, boredom wasn't the only reason I chose the Peace Corps. **I couldn't resist the combination of a great adventure and an opportunity to give back some of the good that has been bestowed on me.** I've always felt a little guilty about the full scholarship that Sweet Briar gave to me. In effect, it was a totally free education, and I never felt that I deserved it, although I was certainly grateful. Now, it's time to give back part of that gift, and I hope that in some way I can be helpful to the students I'll work with in South Africa. Over the years, I've been blessed with occasions of undeserved good

experiences. I need to stretch myself before it's too late. I travel a lot, always in a bubble, on a tour with everything taken care of for me. As part of the Peace Corps, I will learn a country, get to know the people (I might even learn how to speak Afrikaans!), and live a new life. One of my friends has a mantra for any project: "Have Fun! Try Hard! And Do Good!" I have now adopted it for my own.

Determined though I was, my enthusiasm dropped when the Peace Corps informed me that I was to go to South Africa as a Resource Volunteer in Primary School Teacher Training. The South Africa part was all right, but teacher training? I've never darkened the door of an education class. I've taught students of college age, but never younger. I don't know a thing about primary-school teaching, either in theory or from experience. I don't even know much about young children. That was when my Sweet Briar experience stepped in and bailed me out. I thought of President Anne Gary Pannell telling us about "the liberating arts." "You can handle anything," she said, "with a Sweet Briar degree. We're not teaching you a trade; we're teaching you how to use your minds. With a liberal arts education you can do anything." Well, maybe she was right. Maybe I am well prepared, and I'm giving this a try. Sweet Briar gave me, in every sense of the word, a good education. It's time for me to prove Mrs. Pannell right and give to other people.

I keep promising myself that one day I'll learn to cook, but that will have to wait for a few years now. At this point I'm busy trying to figure out how to pack for two years in just two suitcases.

*Dr. Greene left the country for South Africa July 15, 2007, and is teaching primary school children and training teachers.*

# International Student Fulfils Dreams at Sweet Briar

TANYA SALAS-PLATT 11

Puerto López, depending on your perspective, is a small tourist town or a large fishing village on the coast of southern Manabí, Ecuador. The sight of its green hills leading down to the bay and the great blue sea open before me has never failed to take my breath away. Although I have lived several years in Somerset, England, I spent most of my life here. In these last few years I have witnessed this village transform from a remote little town to a tourist attraction that receives thousands of visitors each year. Though there may be more beautiful untouched beaches and places of greater opportunity, Puerto López has something unlike any other place that has made me call it "home" all my life. I believe that perhaps when my mother brought me there as a baby, she took me up to one of the hilltops and, holding me in her arms, showed me the village on a glorious day when the sun shimmered on the ocean. Seeing it in this beautiful splendour, I fell in love at first sight. That is the way I explain the "something" that exists between me and my little village, something that I have not felt living anywhere else—that is, until I arrived at Sweet Briar College.

My earliest memories are of nature walks with my mother, Deirdre Platt '83, an ecologist. She is the reason I applied to Sweet Briar, not because she first mentioned my studies there, but because on these nature walks she would often state how the view reminded her of Virginia. In my mind, I created an image of this beautiful place where my mother was most happy. I was in primary school in England when I first told a classmate that I was going to study in Virginia, and since then, although I knew little about the College, it became a dream I wanted to fulfil.

Another dream I had at a young age was to become an actress. However, as many little girls want to be actresses, singers, or dancers, my family believed I would grow out of it. As the years passed it was still my desire, and I kept busy writing scripts and creating little performances with my sister Celia, using string puppets when there were too many parts for the two of us. Maybe all little girls do that, but I never grew out of it. When asked what I wanted to be I would answer: an actress, author, and artist. After many people laughed or scoffed at my dreams, I began to say that I wanted to be a journalist. I majored in Social Studies in high school and kept my relatives satisfied. I could not stand how so many looked down upon the arts. They would say that I was the best student in my class and was going to waste my talent studying film. After I graduated, people began to ask me again what I was going to do, so I told them all that

I was applying to Sweet Briar College, and that I was stubbornly determined to follow my dreams. Currently, I am planning to customize my own major uniting Theatre and Film and later continue to pursue Film studies and acting.

When I was twelve, my aspirations seemed no more than dreams. After those 6 years in England, my family returned to Ecuador. I was united with my beach in Puerto López for a year, but the lack of good education in the village required me to study in the capital, Quito, where I would also be close to my Ecuadorean family who live there. After I graduated in June 2006, I completed the college application process and a few months later was accepted at SBC. I entered midyear because I could not complete my documents in time for fall 2006, and I did not want to wait until fall 2007.

Mid-January 2007, while the plane descended upon Charlottesville Airport, my anxious and excited eyes peeped from the window and admired the sights and colours of a country I had not yet explored, because, though I am an American citizen, I had never lived in the United States. Wide-eyed, I saw the beauty in the browns and purples of the land and the famous Blue Ridge Mountains that crowned the landscape and united with the sky. I fell in love with Sweet Briar, overcame my initial struggles due to my native language being Spanish, and learned to cope with the work and little hours of sleep. **From my first day, I was enchanted by everyone's helpful attitude, and I will be one of so many to thank Sweet Briar for being such a warm and charming community. Out of all the gifts this College has to give, I believe this is the most precious.**

Now, on summer holidays in Ecuador, I feel a slight sadness that I had never felt in Puerto López before; it is not that this place has lost its magic, but that I have found the peace and beauty somewhere else as well. I now call Sweet Briar College a home.



# Can Trade Save the Wild Tiger?

SHEILA ALEXANDER, DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



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*The human race's prospects of survival were considerably better when we were defenseless against tigers than they are today when we have become defenseless against ourselves.*

—Arnold Toynbee

In July, Dr. Robert Alexander, Sweet Briar associate professor of Environmental Studies, was invited by the Chinese government to attend a workshop and conference on tiger conservation as their guest. The conference was called The International Workshop on Strategies for Tiger Conservation, but was actually more narrowly focused on the issue of trade in tiger products.

All tigers are protected under an international treaty called the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). This protection means that no country that is a party to the treaty (currently 172 countries, including the United States and China) can ship or receive any

product that contains parts of an animal listed in its Appendix I, such as the tiger. Popular use of tiger parts in Asia include using the skins as decoration and the bone for traditional Chinese medicine.

Although international trade is prohibited, the CITES agreement places no restriction on domestic trade in listed animals, so if an animal is taken within a particular country, there is no prohibition against the sale of that animal, or its parts, within the country. Nevertheless, many countries pass their own laws protecting species from such domestic trade, and China did that in 1993 by prohibiting the sale of any item containing tiger products.

The current issue arises from pressure inside China to revise that law to allow for the captive breeding of tigers and the harvest and sale of tiger products for traditional Chinese medicine. China has several successful captive breeding facilities of tigers and they argue that they can supply the market completely with captive-bred animals and so should be allowed to do so.

This has created an uproar within the conservation community. Traditional wisdom holds that a ban on trade in a species protects it from extinction, but new evidence suggests that it may actually work against conservation efforts. Numbers of wild tigers continue to decline even with the trade ban in place, so the current system is not working. Some believe that a captive-bred market will decrease poaching of wild tigers by providing a legal market

sensibility full of compassion, simplicity, and curiosity that now takes her all over the world.

In 1996, Holly's enrollment at Sweet Briar changed her perspective. A family friend, Alice Perry Park '65, also from Guatemala, told her about the College. Despite Holly's initial aversion to attending a rural women's college, she now admits that it was "in certain ways, the perfect place for me." At Sweet Briar, Holly was able to receive individual instruction from professors in a peaceful environment where she refined her English and learned more about American and other cultures. "Sweet Briar gave me the opportunity for great communication and friendships with professors," says Holly. "I felt that as long as I wanted to push myself, I could learn as much as I could fit into my head."

Holly's most influential mentor was Assistant Professor of Studio Art Paige Critcher. Professor Critcher was practicing her own photography in Seville, Spain at the same time that Holly was attending the JYS program. They met there, and Holly began to understand the meaning of being a true photographer: the inspiration, the creativity, the discipline, and the limitless possibilities for discovery. When taking Professor Critcher's class at Sweet Briar during her senior year, Holly realized that her passion

for the visual was more than a hobby; she was soon after determined to become a full-time photographer.

In spring 2000, Holly graduated with degrees in International Affairs, Spanish, and German; she would later become proficient in Italian and Japanese. After graduation, she spent two years in Japan teaching English and cultural diversity to rural communities. In 2003, Holly returned to the United States in order to follow her vocation; she attended the SALT Institute for Documentary Studies in Portland, Maine, and worked at Aurora Stock Agency, the same company that now sells her photographs. Holly has traveled to over 45 countries including much of Asia, exploring the world through her camera. The images tell of her great ability to blend into a foreign culture and celebrate it.

Today, Holly works as a freelance documentary photographer and photojournalist. As a freelancer, Holly lives on the edge, never knowing for certain where her next photography shoot will take her. Uncertainty is a challenge in itself, yet it brings about many possibilities. She says: "The photography I love to do, documentary photography, is fulfilling for me because it's like being in a real world classroom. What I photograph, the people I photograph, always teach me something new, inspire me, and make me want to tell more and more about

## Holly Wilmeth '00: the World through Her Lens

JANIKA CAREY '09 & COLLEEN MURRAY '06



Since she was a little girl, Holly Wilmeth had always dreamed of taking photographs for a living, but photography never seemed like a realistic profession for her. As a farmer's daughter in Guatemala, the Central American jungle and her own agricultural backyard provided a colorful palette for her imagination, yet she had little exposure to the world of professional art. It wasn't until she came to Sweet Briar that her interests in art and photography grew into a great passion and, when coupled with her childhood experience, she developed an artistic

for tiger products. If this is the case, then a legal market in tiger products would help wild tigers. Others believe the establishment of such a market will increase poaching as black market operators see an opportunity to exploit the new market. If this is the case, then opening this market could lead to the complete loss of some wild tiger populations. The stakes are high and the outcome uncertain, so the issue is extremely contentious. The Chinese government has vowed not to allow such a market to be established unless they have clear evidence that it will not adversely affect wild populations.

This is the context within which Dr. Alexander was invited to participate by the State Forestry Administration of China as one of four wildlife economists brought in to address the question of how opening a domestic market in tiger products

might affect poaching of wild tiger populations. The other economists came from New Zealand, South Africa, and India.

"It was an honor to be asked," Dr. Alexander said.

**You present research and publish journal articles, but you seldom get an opportunity to directly affect important conservation decisions."**

Dr. Alexander's research has typically focused on African wildlife. In June, he went to South Africa to further his work on the economics of African wild dog conservation.

While tigers have not been on his agenda before, the mathematical models he has created may be designed to work with any species. "If you have the data, the models can tell you whether the economic incentives will favor increased or decreased poaching of a

species. Unfortunately, one of the problems with tigers is that we have very little data. We may have to address this question with different types of models, or we may have to use a different approach altogether."

Dr. Alexander acknowledges that the issue is a difficult one for him personally. "In our culture the concept of raising tigers for harvest is distasteful, and I am no exception to that. Yet this is a cultural bias—Hindus react similarly to our eating cows—and not the real issue. The important issue is the fate of tigers in the wild. This may help wild tigers and it may hurt them; it is critical that we figure out which of these is most likely before the Chinese government makes a decision."

While no consensus was reached at this workshop, the issues were clearly defined and plans were set for beginning the research. "The workshop was

broadly attended by government representatives from a variety of countries, members of tiger conservation groups, and experts in ecology and economics. The next step is for the economists to develop a working plan for the research that will address this question." Dr. Alexander emphasizes, "As consultants, our role is to give the best answer we can to this difficult question—not to tell the government officials what they want to hear. The hardest part is still ahead."



the world." Photography is, according to Holly, a way of satisfying her curiosity about life. Holly's striking, colorful photos focus on marginalized people and cultures throughout the world, especially in Latin America and Asia. While revealing their struggles, she tells another side of their story and captures incredible optimism and joy within their everyday lives.

Holly's work has been published in well-known magazines including: *National Geographic Adventure*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Contexts Magazine*, *CARE*, *PBX*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Flak Magazine*, *Blueeyes Magazine*, *FOTO Poland*, and *Time Magazine*. She still claims that she is "just

starting out" and finds the market incredibly small and highly competitive with many talented photographers. In order to keep working on her own projects, Holly works for other artists. An apprenticeship with tintype photographer Robb Kendrick brought her to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Though Holly "fell in love with the place" and is settling there, she still travels all over the world with her camera. Recently, she was invited by the China Photo Press Association to spend two weeks in China, and from there she hopped to Europe for further adventure.

Holly wants to continue working as a freelancer, but hopes to eventually be rid of the financial pressure that comes along

with it. In the future, she would like to teach photography to children in Mexico or Guatemala. "I believe that growing up in a Third World country was a privilege. I came from a family that gave me everything I needed and encouraged me to become who I am today, but at the same time, instilled in me a desire to give to those with fewer resources." As an instructor, Holly would be able to share her talent for expression and the world view she developed on her travels and as a student at Sweet Briar.



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# Sweet Briar's 98th Commencement: MAY 12, 2007



2007 Graduates  
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Commencement exercises began with a moment of silence to honor those who died in the recent Virginia Tech tragedy. U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao delivered an encouraging speech regarding the employment environment that our graduates will enter. According to her statistics and remarks, the job market is healthy, and the number of women to complete higher education is experiencing phenomenal growth. As hats flew and music sounded, the Class of 2007 crossed the threshold into the workforce with a promising future.

We are pleased to announce that the College conferred its fifth honorary degree during Commencement to Elaine Chao. President Muhlenfeld remarked that Elaine "is our nation's 24th Secretary of Labor and the first Asian American woman appointed to a President's Cabinet in U.S. History. She has made an indelible mark on one of our country's greatest assets—the more than 150 million men and women who make up the country's workforce. In their hands rest our nation's economic prosperity. And, in her hands rests the duty to safeguard their health, safety, retirement, security, and competitiveness." She was awarded with the degree, Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa. To further celebrate her contributions to public service, Chao was also awarded the Center for Civic Renewal Award.

## COMMENCEMENT HONORS

**The Emilie Watts McVea Scholar**

The highest-ranking member of the Class of 2007.

*Jennifer Leigh Summerfield, Cross Lanes, WV*



**U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Choo speaks at Commencement 2007**

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**The Presidential Medalist**

The Presidential Medal recognizes seniors who have a range of accomplishments comparable to those associated with candidates for Rhodes, Marshall, or Truman scholarships. Awardees must have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement.

*Christina Shaheen Moosa, Chesapeake, VA*

**The Penelope Lane Czarra Award**

This award honors the senior who best combines scholastic achievement, student leadership, and effective contributions to the quality of life at the College.

*Eleanor Rose O'Connor, Belmont, NC*

**The Connie M. Guion Award**

This is given to a senior for her excellence as a human being and as a member of the College.

*Laura Jane Schaefer, Emmaus, PA  
Rebecca Lynn Teachey, Amherst, VA*

**The Walker Family Award**

This award honors a senior with high scholastic standing who has a cheerful, positive disposition and shows warmth, generosity, and humility.

*Heidi Lynn Trude, Warrenton, VA*

**The Judith Molinar Elkins Prize**

The family of the late Professor Judith Elkins established a prize to recognize the outstanding achievement of a senior majoring in the mathematical, physical, or biological sciences, actively participating in the College community, and demonstrating the ideals and dedication to learning exemplified by the life of Professor Elkins.

*Kelsey Erin Jeffers, Falls Church, VA*

*Jennifer Leigh Summerfield, Cross Lanes, WV*

**The Alpha Lambda Delta Award**

*Jennifer Leigh Summerfield, Cross Lanes, WV*

**American Association of University Women**

*Melissa Shelton, Arrington, VA*

*Rebecca Lynn Teachey, Amherst, VA*

**The Marcia Capron Award for Excellence in French**

*Maggie Elizabeth Bell Saylor, Bluffton, OH*

**The Juliet Halliburton Davis Environmental Studies Award**

*Laura Jane Schaefer, Emmaus, PA*

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Outstanding Scholar Education Award**

*Danielle Catherine Dionne, Potomac Falls, VA*

## ALUMNAE RELATIVES



*Mary Pertie '07 with Aunt Mary Marca '69*



*Jessica Poore '07 and sister Michelle Poore '04*



*Rebecca Teachey '07 with Aunt Lola Bailey '95 and Aunt Bonnie Seitz '01*

# commencement



Assistant Professor of Psychology  
Daniel Gottlieb,  
Recipient of the  
2007 Excellence  
in Teaching  
Award from the  
Academic Affairs  
Committee



Associate Dean, Co-Curricular Life Kelly Kraft Meyer (above), and Chaplain Adom White (middle), recipients of the Shirley P. Reid Excellence in Service Award from the Student Government Association.

## The Goethe-Institut Buchpreis

Claire Elyce Bryan, Chesapeake, VA

## The Kathryn Haw Prize in Art History

Laeun Sung, Gaithersburg, MD

## The James Lewis Howe Award in Chemistry

Erica Cane Kennedy, Nashville, TN

## L'Alliance Francaise de Lynchburg

Caitlin Sara Harvey, Wellesley, MA

## The Mathematical Sciences Award

Jessica L. Poore, Pulaski, VA

## The Jessica Steinbrenner Molloy Award in Theater Arts

Caitlin Elizabeth Cashin, Montclair, VA

## The Lawrence G. Nelson Award for Excellence in English

Shavonne Wei-Ming Clarke, Manassas, VA

Rachel Elena Reynolds, Bethesda, MD

## The Pauline Roberts Otis Award in French

Maggie Elizabeth Bell Saylor, Bluffton, OH

## The W. Edward Overly Award in Spanish

Marissa Virginia Wikes, Fairfax, VA

## The Lucile Barrow Turner Award

Caitlin Elizabeth Cashin, Montclair, VA

## PHI BETA KAPPA 2007

Megen Anne Blaesing, Hurt, VA

Shavonne Wei-Ming Clarke, Manassas, VA

Kendra Elyse Hawkins, Johnson City, TX

Sarah Rose Kindschuh, Portland, OR

Christina Shaheen Moosa, Chesapeake, VA

Anne Katherine Proctor, Everett, WA

Natalie Amelia Pye, Atlanta, GA

Rachel Elena Reynolds, Bethesda, MD

Maggie Elizabeth Bell Saylor, Bluffton, OH

Laura Jane Schaefer, Emmaus, PA

Jennifer Leigh Sumnerfield, Cross Lanes, WV

Laeun Sung, Gaithersville, MD

Rebecca Lynn Teachey, Amherst, VA

Marissa Virginia Wikes, Fairfax, VA

## CUM LAUDE

Elizabeth Caitlin Ashley, Saint Albans, WV

Amanda Cash Browning, Shipman, VA

Jennifer Linn Dick, Staunton, VA

Stephanie Anne Giles, Colleen, VA

Caitlin Sara Harvey, Wellesley, MA

Laura Renea Kanusek, Prince George, VA

Natalie Amelia Pye, Atlanta, GA

Rachel Elena Reynolds, Bethesda, MD

Morgan Lorraine Roach, Jeffersonton, VA

Laura Jane Schaefer, Emmaus, PA

Brandy May Stinnette, Madison Heights, VA

Emily Collins Wiley, Vernon, NJ

## ALUMNAE RELATIVES



Morgan Roach '07 with sister Ryan Roach '10



April Miller '07 with sister Madge Elizabeth Miller '98



Megen Blaesing '07 with sister Kristen Blaesing '11

**MAGNA CUM LAUDE**

*Megen Anne Blaesing, Hurt, VA  
 Shavonne Wei-Ming Clarke, Manassas, VA  
 Marieme Diop, Dakar, Senegal  
 Sarah Elizabeth Gurtler, Lancaster, PA  
 Kendra Elyse Hawkins, Johnson City, TN  
 Kelsey Erin Jeffers, Falls Church, VA  
 Sarah Rose Kindchuh, Portland, OR  
 Jessica Erin Leonardi, Fort Washington, MD  
 Irene Marie Garrett Maslanik, Lakeland, FL  
 Eleanor Rose O'Connor, Belmont, NC  
 Jessica Leigh Poore, Pulaski, VA  
 Anne Katherine Proctor, Everett, WA  
 Maggie Elizabeth Bell Saylor, Bluffton, OH  
 Betty Caroline Skeen, Aiken, SC  
 Lacun Sung, Gaithersville, MD  
 Rebecca Lynn Teachey, Amherst, VA  
 Heidi Lynn Trude, Warrenton, VA  
 Marissa Virginia Wikes, Fairfax, VA*

**SUMMA CUM LAUDE**

*Christina Shaheen Moosa, Chesapeake, VA  
 Jennifer Leigh Summerfield, Cross Lanes, WV*

**THE HONORS PROGRAM,  
CLASS OF 2007****Honors Degree and High Honors in  
Philosophy**

*Christina Shaheen Moosa, Chesapeake, VA*

**Honors Degree and High Honors in  
Classics**

*Natalie Amelia Pye, Atlanta, GA*

**Honors Degree and High Honors in  
English**

*Rachel Elena Reynolds, Bethesda, MD*

**Honors Degree and Highest Honors in  
English and Creative Writing**

*Shavonne Wei-Ming Clarke, Manassas, VA*

**Honors Degree and Highest Honors in  
International Affairs**

*Maggie Elizabeth Bell Saylor, Bluffton, OH*



Turning Point students *Melissa Shelton '07* and *Karen Summers '07*



Masters of Arts in Teaching graduates, l-r: *Tamra Scott '06, Lisa Mollica '06, Gemma Bourgeau '06, Victoria Hankins '06, Breanne Leibering '04, Elizabeth Churchill '06*



Allison Shaw Camper '07 with sister Meredith Shaw Hansen '04



Carlina Muglia '07 with sister Gabriella Muglia '10



Jenna Evans '02 with sister Kara Evans '07

# Reunion Scrapbook



Class of 1942: I-r: Ann Morrison Reams, Elizabeth Blackmer Childs, Joanne Oberkirk Willis. The Class of 1942 came back as cheerful and bright as ever!



Class of 1947: I-r: Husband Lloyd and Virginia Barron Summer, Husband John and Judith Burnett Halsey, Husband Douglas and Sara McMullen Lindsey all had a wonderful time at Reunion '07.



LEFT: Class of 1952 had an outstanding showing of 14 alumnae and 8 husbands! Dean Jonathan Green and his wife Lynn Buck hosted a fantastic dinner for the post 50th classes that was enjoyed by all at the Elston Inn and Conference Center.



Class of 1957 gathers to celebrate their 50th—Their Best Ever!



1957 won the Nancy Dowd Burtan Award for the largest Reunion Gift (after their banner was printed, additional gifts raised the total to \$ 618,151.57); the Five Year Total Giving Award to All Funds (\$ 6,962,295); the Participation Award for Classes Celebrating 25th-50th Reunions (87%); and the first Nancy Gadwin Baldwin Award (new Alumnae Association Award recognizing the Highest Percentage of Alumnae Attending Reunion in that Year (29%).



The Class of 1962 celebrated their 45th Reunion. 10 alumnae and 5 husbands enjoyed a lovely weekend of fellowship.  
RG: \$56,031; PART: 60%; TG: \$2,514,008.

*Resting On Our Laurels*

The Class of 1952 showed a DVD at Reunion this year entitled "Resting On Our Laurels—Connecting the Generations." If you would like to order your own copy, please send a check for \$20.00 to: Patton Productions, 17 East 97th Street, Suite 4D, New York, NY 10020.

This will cover one DVD and postage. Half of all proceeds will be donated equally to the North Shore Music Theater, a nonprofit organization, and Sweet Briar College.



"The class of '67 had a great time with several members making their first trip back to campus in many years. Besides catching up with classmates, golf, riding and enjoying the beautiful campus were very popular activities," Diane "Toots" Dalton '67. 27 alumnae and 6 husbands celebrated the Class of 1967's 40th Reunion. RG: \$50,557; PART: 60%; TG: \$252,457.



The Class of 1972 celebrated their 35th Reunion during which 23 alumnae and 1 husband were able to reconnect over picnic fare, outdoor activities, and visits to open houses around campus.  
RG: \$201,131; PART: 69%; TG: \$1,859,626.



The Class of 1977 celebrated a lovely 30th Reunion. 9 alumnae, 1 husband, and 1 alumna daughter spent the weekend enjoying wonderful company in SBC's beautiful setting. RG: \$26,768; PART: 53%; TG: \$502,979.



The Class of 1982 celebrated their 25th Reunion with wonderful attendance: 32 alumnae, 5 husbands, and 5 children. They shared great memories during a special picnic at the Boathouse on Friday evening. RG: \$30,298; PART: 52%; TG: \$155,702.



The Class of 1987 won the Participation Award for the class with the highest participation in the 5th-20th Reunion group. Congratulations 1987! 22 alumnae, 4 husbands, and 6 children were there to share the fun. RG: \$38,454; PART: 52%; TG: \$440,686.



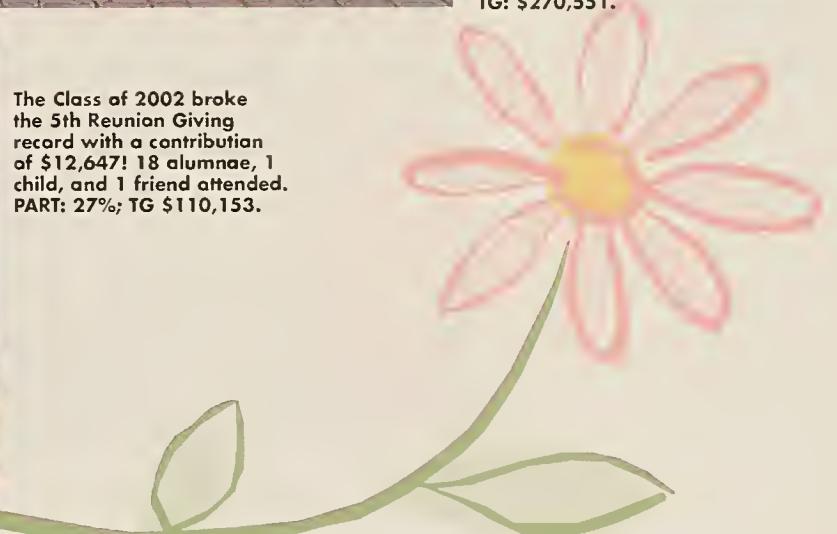
At their 15th Reunion the class of 1992 enjoyed their exciting weekend with 13 alumnae, 6 husbands, and 8 children on campus. RG: \$18,290; PART: 26%, TG: \$193,967.



"The Class of 1997's 10th Reunion was fantastic! Our attendance increased from our 5th year, and so many different groups within the class were represented. Many of us had not seen each other since graduation, but it was as if we had never left Sweet Briar. I'm proud of my classmates, as well as so many of our parents, for giving toward our Reunion Gift to Sweet Briar. The College needs our continued support and we were thrilled to successfully surpass our goal! I can't wait to return to SBC again, and I thank the campus community for its hard work to welcome us back home with such grace and gusto. Holla holla," from Anne MacDonald Carter '97. The Class of 1997 had a wonderful turnout: 34 alumnae, 14 husbands, 5 children, and 3 friends! Go '97! RG: \$17,821; PART: 40%; TG: \$270,551.



The Class of 2002 broke the 5th Reunion Giving record with a contribution of \$12,647! 18 alumnae, 1 child, and 1 friend attended. PART: 27%; TG \$110,153.



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## 2007 OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD TO

# Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57

INTRODUCTION OF HONOREE AT REUNION CONVOCATION, MAY 19, 2007  
BY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT LINDA DEVOGT '86



Nancy's family, l-r: niece Sophie Crysler Hart '81 and husband Rick Hadley; niece Cannie Crysler Shafer '78



Former Admissions Representatives l-r: Ginny Kay Baldwin Cox '69; Sandra Taylor '74; Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57; Elizabeth Andrews Watts '74

It is my great pleasure and privilege, as President of the Alumnae Association, to introduce Nancy Godwin Baldwin of the Class of 1957, recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Alumna Award.

This award, one of the highest that Sweet Briar College can bestow, was founded in 1968 to recognize alumnae who have given outstanding service to the College in a volunteer capacity.

We are delighted to have Nancy's nieces, Cannie Crysler Shafer '78 and Sophie Crysler Hart '81 and Sophie's husband Rick Hadley here to help celebrate Nancy.

We also welcome alumnae in non-reunion years, colleagues and friends who made a special effort to be here today to honor Nancy. And of course we are delighted that so many of Nancy's classmates from the great Class of 1957 are present to celebrate their 50th Reunion and cheer her on. *Will all of you please stand? Thank you so very much for joining us!*

The 1957 *Briar Patch* aptly describes Nancy as "exuberant, spontaneous, individual... Sophisticated Lady... loves sweet smells, bubble baths and cats... a girl of many talents and interests... versatile... the theatre... organized confusion... passion for zany literature and festive occasions... dynamic wit... magnetic personality... creativity flows through every vein... vitality plus..." Boy did they have that right!

"Outstanding" in every way from her student days onward. A drama major at Sweet Briar from Petersburg, Virginia, Nancy directed her Freshman and Senior Shows, served as Sophomore Class President; Vice President of the Judicial Board; member of the Curriculum Committee and Toast Mistress for Junior

Banquet. She was on the Dean's List and was elected to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. Nancy was also a member of the Q.V.'s; Paint and Patches, and was elected to the May Court.

As many of you are aware, we are celebrating the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown, VA. I'll bet that many of you don't know that during her senior year at Sweet Briar, Nancy wrote "Lord Jeffrey's County," a play depicting the history of Amherst County for the 350th celebration of Jamestown. The play was performed in the West Dell with a cast of over 100.

After graduation, Nancy went to Bowling Green State University in Ohio, where she did graduate work in speech and theatre. It was fortunate for us that she returned to Virginia, and took a one-year position in the Admissions Officer as a "traveler," while trying to decide what her next adventure would be. Little did she know then, that her one-year position would lead to a lifelong commitment to Sweet Briar College. How fortunate for us!

Nancy served as Assistant Director of Admissions from 1958–1966 and Director of Admissions from 1966–1980. She shaped the pool of future leaders for the Alumnae Association and the College for twenty-two years. Then in 1986, Ann Morrison Reams '42, director of the Alumnae Association, asked Nancy to serve as editor of the *Alumnae Magazine*, and to serve on the Alumnae Association Board. She has done an exemplary job for 21 years producing what is considered the flagship communications vehicle for our alumnae constituency. At the same time she was serving as editor, Nancy agreed to "help out" for a short period of time in the Development Office. Once again, a short-term commitment led to 20 years of service to Sweet Briar. From 1986 to 2006 she was instrumental to the College in maintaining close, personal ties with our most generous donors.

Nancy's generous spirit extends well beyond our gates. She has given of her time, talent, and resources to St. Catherine's, her preparatory school in Richmond, she has supported community theatre, and she is an



**Marsha Taylor Horton '76 singing "Wind Beneath My Wings," a surprise tribute to Nancy.**

avid supporter of the Humane Society of Amherst County, to name a few.

For Sweet Briar, Nancy has been an active member of the Amherst Alumnae Club, served on her Class Reunion Gifts Committee, and sold flower bulbs for Sweet Briar to support student scholarships. She loves to travel and was called upon to host two Sweet Briar Alumnae Association tours. Nancy served on the Centennial Awards Committee to select the outstanding members of the Sweet Briar community during the College's first hundred years. She has demonstrated her commitment to the future of the College as a member of The Silver Rose Society and as a member of The Williams Associates, having named Sweet Briar in her will.

I would be remiss in talking about Nancy's gifts to Sweet Briar without mentioning her husband Tom. Tom and Nancy were partners in their support of Sweet Briar. Tom Baldwin was an excellent Sweet Briar husband, supporting Nancy in her professional and volunteer roles for the College. Together, they took an active interest in helping students transition from home to college. Many a Sunday evening was spent entertaining groups of students at their home for Sunday suppers. They sponsored classes and extended their hospitality to countless members of faculty and staff as well.

Nancy, through your excellent work, we have a stronger and more vibrant Alumnae

Association composed of women you saw promise in. We also have a first rate magazine which has led the way in keeping the lines of communication open between the College and her alumnae. On May 4th at the Community Reception honoring Nancy, President Muhlenfeld said that through Nancy's work in Admissions, shaping the future pool of the Alumnae Association, and her work with the Alumnae Magazine, our chief communication vehicle, it is quite possible that Nancy has had the greatest positive impact on our Alumnae Association of any other person in Sweet Briar's history. Thank you for dedicating yourself to making Sweet Briar College the best it can be.

On June 30, 2007, Nancy will retire from Sweet Briar College. The Alumnae Association has established a new award, which will be presented for the first time today. It is an award that recognizes the class with the highest percentage of alumnae attending Reunion in that year. The award is named the Nancy Godwin Baldwin Reunion Attendance Award.

To quote Nancy, "I always say, shortly after I was born, I turned right and came here." We thank you, Nancy, for making that turn. We thank you for the dedication, loyalty, and love you give to everything you have done and continue to do for Sweet Briar College. We are so proud of you and we applaud you! You have earned the rose, over and over again!

## *Recipients of the Outstanding Alumna Award*

- 1968 SBC's first graduates, Class of 1910: Anne Cumnack Miller\*; Eugenia Griffin Burnett\*; Louise Hooper Ewell\*; Frances Murrell Rickards\*; Annie Powell Hodges\*
- 1969 Edna Lee Gilchrist '26\*
- 1970 Gladys Wester Horton '30
- 1971 Mary Huntington Harrison '30\*
- 1972 Phaebe Rawe Peters '31\*
- 1973 Edith Durrell Marshall '21\*
- 1974 Florence Freeman Fowler '19\* and Helen H. McMahan '23\*
- 1975 Elizabeth Prescott Balch '28\*
- 1976 Juliet Holliburton Burnett Davis '35
- 1977 Martha van Briesen '31\* and Jacquelyn Strickland Dwelle '35\*
- 1978 Dorothy Nicholson Tate '38\*
- 1979 Martha Lou Lemman Stahlman '34
- 1980 Dale Hutter Harris '53
- 1981 Ann Marshall Whitley '47
- 1982 Preston Hodges Hill '49
- 1983 Mary Elizabeth Daucett Neill '41
- 1984 Nancy Dowd Burton '46\* and Jane Raseberry Ewald Talleson '52
- 1985 Julia Sadler de Caligny '34\*
- 1986 Adelaide Baze Glosack '40 and Sarah Adams Bush '43\*
- 1987 Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39
- 1988 Evelyn Dillard Grimes '45\*
- 1989 Anne Noyes Awtry Lewis '43 and Catharine Fitzgerald Baaker '47\*
- 1990 Margaret Sheffield Martin '48
- 1991 Sara Shallenberger Brown '32
- 1992 Catherine Barnett Brown '49
- 1993 Ann Samford Upchurch '48\*
- 1994 Clare Newman Blanchard '60 and Mildred Newman Thayer '61
- 1995 Helen Murchison Lane '46 and Adeline Janes Voorhees '46
- 1996 Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59
- 1997 Julia Mills Jacobsen '45
- 1998 Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49
- 1999 Allison Stemmans Siman '63
- 2000 Sara Finnegan Lycett '61
- 2001 Nannette McBurney Crowder '57
- 2002 Elizabeth Bond Wood '34\* and Ann Morrison Reams '42
- 2003 Ethel Ogden Burwell '58
- 2004 Elizabeth Smith White '59
- 2005 Narma Patterson Mills '60
- 2006 Martha Mansfield Clement '48
- 2007 Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57

# Nancy Baldwin Accepts the 2007 Outstanding Alumna Award

Thank you, Linda.

Hello, Everyone. Welcome Back!

Since coming back, Reunions have always been my favorite Sweet Briar occasions. I have only missed one, in 1958. I returned to start my first "real job" in August '58, way past Reunion time.

Since then, each one has made happy memories. Which reminds me of Bob Hope singing "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES."

On one occasion, he is quoted as saying,

"I've been on NBC so long the peacock was hatched from an egg I laid."

I can relate to that! In recent years, each Reunion, alumnae of all ages have asked: "How long *have* you been here?"

I want to set the record straight: I *wasn't* here to actually *meet* Indiana Fletcher Williams...But I have felt her presence.

There is something else I want to set straight. In early days, *and since*, some misguided sources have termed Sweet Briar a "Finishing School."

*WRONG!!!!* That was *never* true.

The first five graduates in the Class of 1910 set the pace. They all "went out and made a difference."

Sweet Briar was recognized even then: in February 1909, Cornell University wrote that it would accept Sweet Briar graduates in its graduate school.

Quoting from *The Story of Sweet Briar College, Volume I*, by Dr. Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlman '34, Ph.D. Cornell:

In 1913, Nan Powell Hodges 1910 earned her master's degree from Columbia University in one year "with no handicaps or concessions."

Later she "sent a great number of well prepared students from the three preparatory schools she headed." Early in her career, she had been Dean of Women

at William and Mary College. (She married William T. Hodges, Dean of Men at William and Mary.)

Eugenia Griffin Burnett '10 was the first *alumna* to be elected to Sweet Briar's Board of Directors. "When she resigned in 1951 after serving 30 years, all members of the Class of 1910 attended the banquet in her honor."

Louise Hooper Ewell '10 had a long career of teaching and social service. In 1953 she was named "The Woman of Outstanding Accomplishment" in Princess Anne County, VA for "distinguished service to humanity through her extensive welfare and social service work, through education, and through all phases of civic betterment."

And so it went.

And so it goes:

This April Dr. Virginia Chamblin Greene, Class of 1955, Ph.D. UVA, Intelligence Analyst Retired, attended a reception at Sweet Briar.

She and I were enjoying an update on each other and I asked:

"What are your plans for the summer?"

"Oh," she said, matter-of-factly, "I've joined the Peace Corps. I leave in June for South Africa."

If she were here today, she'd be celebrating her 52<sup>nd</sup> Reunion! Instead, she's packing for Africa.

Sweet Briar grads "make a difference" anywhere, any time.

Today's students are following right along...involved in Honors Studies one-on-one with faculty mentors; studying for a semester or a year in many parts of the world; interning in various businesses, often with the help of alumnae; doing extraordinary research for undergraduates, particularly in the sciences; curating exhibitions through the Arts Management Program...

I stand in awe of what they manage to accomplish in four years with the guidance of a *very fine* faculty.

Sweet Briar has been blessed.

Just as I know it was in the fifties, and as it *had* to be when the College welcomed its first students, Sweet Briar's faculty is made up of individuals who are *here* because they *want to teach*, to further their students' interests, talents, academic ability—to help prepare them for their next—and for their *lifelong*—endeavors. Of course they also publish, serve on numerous committees, continue their own scholarly pursuits...“All in a day’s work!”

And they do other things, for fun relaxation. If you have time this trip, go take a look at the Community Garden where faculty and staff grow an abundance of all kinds of vegetables. It’s worth seeing.

Over the years, alumnae here for a few days, away from their busy lives, have said, wistfully: “It must be wonderful to be in this beautiful, *peaceful* place every day!”

Yes. Undeniably beautiful. “Peaceful?” Yes—when time allows!

And it *is* wonderful to be here. I appreciate that—I live here.

But day-to-day life on these gorgeous acres does not move slowly.

Sweet Briar is a vibrant community. Every day brings new challenges and poses new possibilities.

Everything hasn’t, and doesn’t, come up roses. There have been hard times and tough decisions. Mistakes happen. Things go awry as they do everywhere else.

But the late J. Wilson Newman, former Chairman of the Board during the sixties, to whom this College owes a great deal, said something during a Convocation years ago that I have remembered.

“There’s something special about Sweet Briar. There always has been,” he said.

I agree.

Watching and being part of the ongoing campus life has been a privilege for which I am grateful.

• I am also grateful to you and to your predecessors.

I am grateful that Sweet Briar has all of you to depend upon:

—For your love of the place

—For your ongoing efforts to keep it strong by helping the Admissions Office identify prospective students who will take advantage of what the College has to give

—And for your appreciation of what it is and what it can be—now, and far into the future.

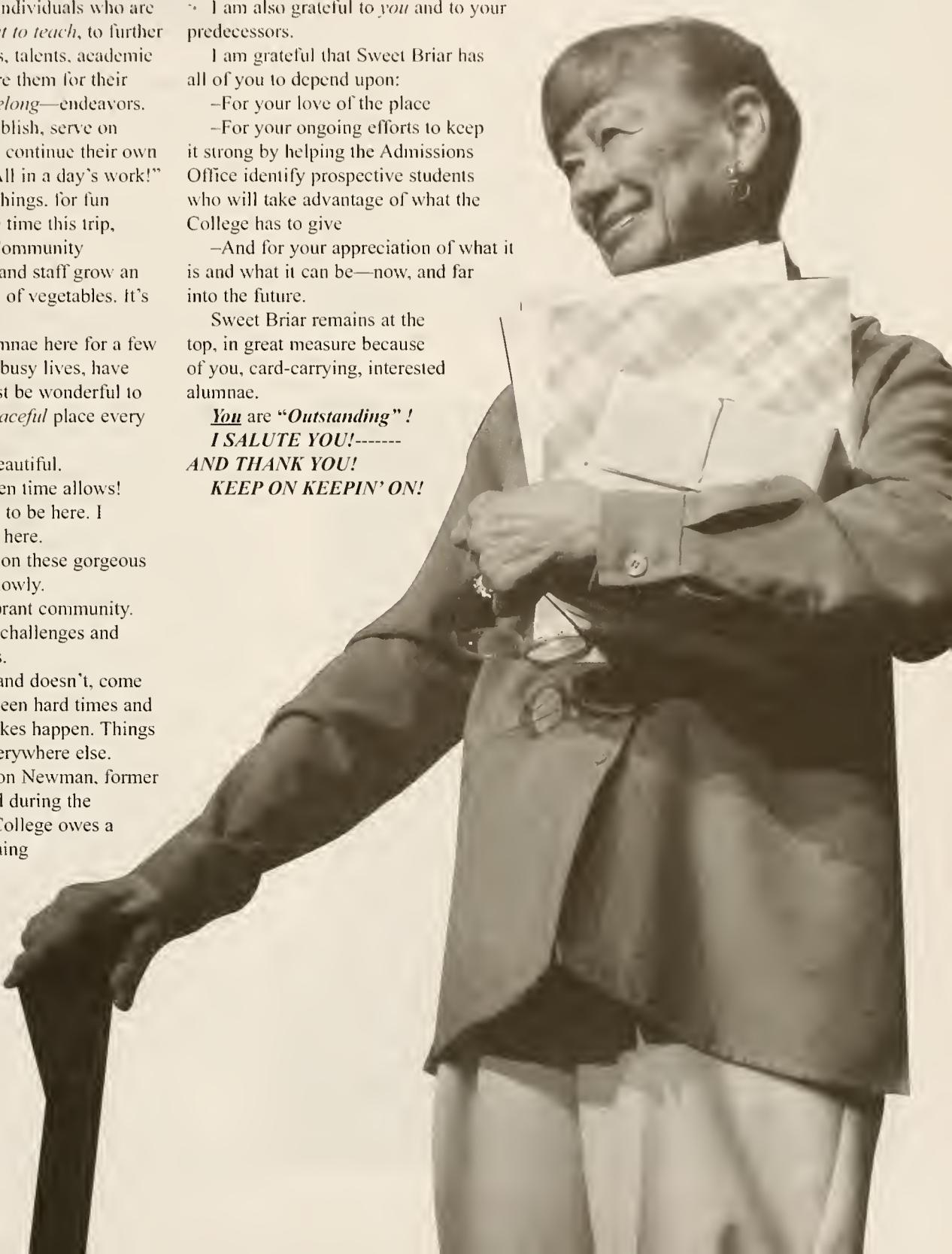
Sweet Briar remains at the top, in great measure because of you, card-carrying, interested alumnae.

*You* are “*Outstanding*”!

*I SALUTE YOU!-----*

*AND THANK YOU!*

*KEEP ON KEEPIN’ ON!*



# transitions

## Nancy B's Travels through SBC History Leave Indelible Legacy

JENNIFER MCNAMAY  
STAFF WRITER

**N**ancy Baldwin's hand print on the College is undeniable. She served as assistant director of admissions (1958–66) at Sweet Briar, director of admissions (1966–80), and editor of the Alumnae Magazine (1986–present). During that time, she also agreed to "temporarily" work part time in development—for about 20 years. Her association with Sweet Briar spans 54 years.

"Nancy shaped the future of Sweet Briar in many ways through the students she's admitted," said Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, director of the Alumnae Association. "She admitted me."

Among SBC graduates' accomplishments, Nancy may be proudest of her own two nieces, Cannie Crysler Shafer '78 and Sophia "Sophie" Crysler Hart '81. The College's Crysler Award for four-year athletes was named in honor of Shafer, who was one of nine charter member inductees of the Sweet Briar College Athletics Hall of Fame at Homecoming 2006.

Undoubtedly, Sweet Briar has shaped Nancy, too.

"I always say, shortly after I was born, I turned right and came here," said Nancy.

Some who know Nancy say she is timeless. No one remembers her with a different hairstyle. She dresses impeccably, with a keen eye for hip animal-themed clothing and jewelry. But she doesn't mind if students today wear pajamas to class or let their jeans drag the ground.

Every generation is its own, and they get the same respect as all that went before. That constant evolution is one reason Nancy remained at Sweet Briar.

"It was endlessly interesting," she said. "Everything that I saw happening seemed good at the time, some proved good, some proved not so good, but there was something going on all the time."

Nancy was honored during Reunion on May 19, when she received the 2007 Outstanding Alumna Award for her volunteer service. We are grateful to Nancy for being an active part of the College community, and we will miss her.



### Nancy Kleinhans '06

LOUISE SWIECKI  
ZINGARO '80  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
ALUMNAE AFFAIRS

Nancy Kleinhans '06 joined the Alumnae Office Staff as an Assistant Director on Monday, July 16, 2007. She filled the position that was open as a result of Paula Kirkland Ledbetter's move to the Admissions Office.

Nancy graduated from Sweet Briar College in May 2006 with a B.A. in English. As a student she worked in the Alumnae Office as a Student Assistant and Reunion Intern. After graduating, she moved to Tampa, Florida where she worked at Hillsborough Community College as a Writing Assistant and at the Academy of the Holy Names as an Advancement Administrative Assistant.

Nancy's major areas of responsibility are coordinating Reunion, the Alumnae Admissions Representatives program, working with Alumnae Club Programs in Regions VIII, IX, and X, and assisting with our Alumnae Magazine.



Jennifer McNamay

# A Record Setting Celebration!

Laura Glover '86 Director of Annual Giving

Just as the Annual Fund is integral to the success of the College each year with its vital budget support of all aspects of the Sweet Briar experience, the Reunion Giving program is the cornerstone of the Annual Fund, raising more than \$1.1 million in unrestricted gifts in 2007. Reunion classes are the pacesetters each year for the Annual Fund, and the new Reunion Giving Recognition Plaque was unveiled at Reunion Weekend in May to honor those classes holding the all-time records for unrestricted giving in the 5<sup>th</sup> through 50<sup>th</sup> reunions. The unveiling was truly a time of celebration as three classes, the Classes of 1957, 1972, and 2002, all set new records for Reunion Giving in 2007.

In her remarks at the unveiling of the new plaque, President Muhlenfeld stated: "Records are great to make and even better to break. We are here to celebrate both with the unveiling of this plaque." The plaque is displayed in the Atrium of the Student Commons and serves as a daily reminder to students and others throughout the year of the commitment of Sweet Briar alumnae to the continued excellence of the College.

Reunion classes raise the bar on philanthropy at Sweet Briar and are stellar examples of the joy of giving. These record-setting classes have a tradition of giving every single year to the Annual Fund. They commit to giving regularly and they maintain that commitment. They keep in touch with one another and with the life of the College. When their Reunion year arrives, they already have a solid foundation upon which to build and a plan in place for achieving ambitious goals with their class gifts. They know that supporting Sweet Briar upholds the value of the degree that they received—a degree that has equipped them to deal with the world confidently, no matter what they choose to do.

The Class of 1957 has held many Reunion Giving records over the years and set a new gold standard in giving for their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion raising more than \$617,000 for their class gift. Nannette McBurney Crowdus, Class of 1957 Giving Chair, explains why her class has been so successful:

"The Class of 1957 is truly amazing, for so many reasons. The glue that has held us together all these years is our love for Sweet Briar and our appreciation of and devotion to each other. These things have manifested themselves in our dedication to lead the way in gifts of all kinds: Annual Fund, Silver Rose, Boxwood Circle, Keystone Society and participation. We are a class of donors, past, present and future because we believe in Sweet Briar and all it stands for. We have set a fearsome challenge for those who come behind us. It will be a proud day when our records are broken because we showed the way."

This attitude is a reflection of true Sweet Briar spirit—a commitment to doing the very best, to taking joy in the challenge, and to supporting even greater achievement in those women who follow. That Sweet Briar spirit echoes in the remarks of Aja Grosvenor, Class of 2002 Reunion Giving Chair, upon her class setting a new record:

"The very best thing about this display is that the glass plates are removable, and the plaque is meant to change—records, after all, are meant to be broken. Our class has a sense of responsibility toward Sweet Briar. Members of this class, no matter what we have chosen to do with our lives, all give of ourselves every day in volunteer activities. Our inspiration to break the old record for

giving in a 5<sup>th</sup> reunion is an outgrowth of that. We'll do our best to keep the philanthropy going."

As you and your classmates look forward to your next Reunion, remember: set your goals high, have tons of fun, and don't worry about hurting anyone's feelings when you set a new Reunion Giving record. Those classes whose records are broken will be happy to help you celebrate your success!

## REUNION GIVING RECORD HOLDERS

50th	Class of 1957	\$617,957
45th	Class of 1960	\$160,927
40th	Class of 1964	\$135,580
35th	Class of 1972	\$201,131
30th	Class of 1964	\$100,165
25th	Class of 1972	\$107,200
20th	Class of 1986	\$60,698
15th	Class of 1972	\$37,659
10th	Class of 1980	\$21,071
5th	Class of 2002	\$12,647



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TOP TO BOTTOM:

Alumnae gather around the newly unveiled plaques.

President Muhlenfeld and alumnae gather in Prather Dining Hall to celebrate the unveiling ceremony of the Reunion Giving plaques.

# bulletin board



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## MINI-REUNIONS



### SBC '59 one tenth of the class

Several members of the Class of 1959 got together for a mini-reunion luncheon this past June in Ware Neck, VA.

Front row; l-r: Mary Blair Scott Valentine, Mary "Pic" Payne Hester, Cay Ramey Weimer, Mary Ballou Ballentine, Virginia McKethan Kitchin, Elizabeth "Betsy" Duke Seaman, Elisabeth "Liz" Chambers Burgess  
Back row: Patricia Coxe Ware, Dorothy "Dede" Ulf Moyer, Judy Sorley Chambers-Simpson, Tabb Thornton Farinholt

**Christian Carr, Assistant Professor of Arts Management; Director of the Sweet Briar Museum to Lecture in Richmond, VA**

"Architectural History at VCU: The First Decade and a Half," Virginia Commonwealth University's Fifteenth Annual Symposium on Architectural History and the Decorative Arts, will take place on Friday, November, 16, 2007, at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, VA.

Christian Carr, Director of the Sweet Briar Museum and Assistant Professor of Arts Management, will give a paper on Sweet Briar House in the afternoon session. Titled "Palladian Plantation, Italianate Villa, Aesthetic Retreat," her paper will address the ways in which the home of Sweet Briar College's president evolved throughout the 19th century. All alumnae are welcome to attend!

The Virginia Historical Society is located at 428 North Boulevard, Richmond, and the conference will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free to students, \$8.00 per person for members of sponsoring institutions, and \$10.00 per person for others. A post-conference reception will be held at the restored Hancock-Wirt-Caskie House (1808-09) by courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey R. Bowles III. The charge for the reception is an additional \$10.00. For reservations, please send checks, payable to VCU, to Conference, Department of Art History, Virginia Commonwealth University, P.O. Box 843046, 922 West Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23284-3046, by November 9. For hard copy of the brochure which lists the full range of topics, or other information, please call 804/828-2784.

## UPCOMING SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION TOURS:

[www.sbc.edu/alumnae/travel.html](http://www.sbc.edu/alumnae/travel.html)

OCT. 19-NOV. 3, 2007: A President's Trip: Argentina, Chile and Patagonia

FEB. 10-18, 2008: Island Life in Tahiti and French Polynesia

JUNE 3-14, 2008: A President's Trip: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of SBC's JYF Program in France

JULY 2-15, 2008: Alumni Campus Abroad in Ukraine and Romania aboard the MS Dnieper Princess

JULY 29-AUG. 6, 2008: Village Life in Ireland: Dublin and Killarney

OCT. 24-NOV. 2, 2008: A Connoisseur's Northern Italy



# recent deaths

1920s  
 Selma Brandt '22  
 Mrs. Selma B. Kress  
 January 15, 1996

Gertrude Anderson '28  
 Mrs. William A. Molster  
 July 2, 1997

1930s  
 Serena Ailes '30  
 Mrs. Mark C. Stevens  
 September 16, 2006

Mary Van Winkle '32  
 Mrs. Charles King McClure Jr.  
 August 28, 2006

Elizabeth West '32  
 Mrs. Robert Eiheredge  
 Date unknown

Mary-Nelson Neville '33  
 Mary-Nelson Neville Sieman  
 November 2, 2006

Marjorie Westcott '34  
 Mrs. John C. Mockey  
 September 27, 2006

Alice Loubach '35  
 Miss Alice F. Loubach  
 November 15, 2006

Ann Temple '35  
 Mrs. Elmer Dorr Somson  
 November 15, 2006

Emily Bowen '36  
 Emily Muller  
 September 27, 2006

Dorothy Harper '36  
 Mrs. Dorothy H. Bridgers  
 December 11, 2006

Mary Holland '36  
 Mrs. John D. Eure  
 September 3, 2006

Cecile Porter '36  
 Mrs. Charles L. Piplar  
 October 10, 2006

Ruth Rundle '37  
 Mrs. Lee W. Charters  
 January 20, 2005

Elizabeth Sherk '37  
 Mrs. Elizabeth S. Prince  
 Date Unknown

Nancy McCandlish '38  
 Mrs. Edgar A. Prichard  
 September 30, 2006

Jane Lewis '39  
 Mrs. John E. Kingsbury  
 September 10, 2006

1940s  
 Jane Burnett '40  
 Mrs. Perry C. Hill  
 May 4, 2006

Dorothy Myers '42  
 Mrs. Robert P. Morehead  
 November 30, 2005

Mobel Sheldon '42  
 Mrs. Elmer F. Francis  
 October 8, 2006\*

Elizabeth Whitaker '42  
 Mrs. Richard E. Hook III  
 February 12, 2006

Betty Lynn Emerick '43  
 Mrs. David Dethlefs  
 October 16, 2006

Anne McJunkin '43  
 Mrs. Frank E. Briber Jr.  
 September 8, 2006

Dorothy Stouber '43  
 Mrs. Joseph McCarthy  
 October 4, 2006

Josephine Soule '43  
 Mrs. William W. Claghorn  
 November 16, 2006

Marguerite Brink '46  
 Mrs. Leo Feuer, Jr.  
 October 23, 2006

Marjorie Christion '46  
 Mrs. Richard L. Schley Jr.  
 December 11, 2006

Sara Davis '48  
 Mrs. J. Kyle Spencer  
 November 15, 2006

1950s  
 Amie Willard '52  
 Mrs. Huntington T. Black  
 September 23, 2006

Sara Ironmonger '53  
 Mrs. Jack E. Greer  
 November 14, 2006

Barbara Bernhard '56  
 Mrs. Herbert Macleod  
 August 26, 2006

Monica Ballord '57  
 Ms. Monica B. Porter  
 August 26, 2006

Vivian Butler '59  
 Mrs. James M. Scott  
 December 6, 2006

1960s  
 Barbara Bowen '60  
 Mrs. H. Clay Moore,  
 October 14, 2006

Helen Gardner Polly  
 Chapman '61  
 Mrs. Fred D. Herring  
 November 29, 2006

Annabel Pagan '61  
 Mrs. Robert V. Blokey  
 November 3, 2006

Mary McGrew '66  
 Ms. Mary McGrew Lee  
 September 6, 2006

Jean Niles '66  
 Mrs. James Tonsey  
 August 5, 2006

1970s  
 Lillian Dugger '73  
 Mrs. Lillian G. London  
 October 6, 2006

Gail Kuehner '77  
 Ms. Gail Kuehner Rokes  
 June 21, 1996

Cora Olexo '78  
 Miss Cora E. Olexo  
 September 20, 2006

1980s  
 Susan Moylor '82  
 Miss Susan Elaine Moylor  
 August 9, 2004

1990s  
 Lynn McEachern '96  
 Miss Lynn Morrison McEachern  
 November 26, 2006

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.



## *in memoriam*

### **Gladys Wester Horton '30, 1909-2007**

It is with sadness that we report the death of Gladys Wester Horton, Class of 1930.

Mrs. Horton served on the College's Board of Overseers from 1956 until 1973. She was President of the Alumnae Association from 1956-1960; alumna member of Overseers from 1961-1965; and Director from 1965-1973. As a member of the Buildings and Grounds, Development, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Executive Committees, Mrs. Horton's expansive wisdom and expertise served the College well. In 1959, she established the Boxwood Circle (annual gifts of \$1,000) and continued to be active in fundraising for the College. In addition, the Gladys Wester Horton Scholarship Fund was established by the North Jersey Sweet Briar Club. For her generous devotion to Sweet Briar, she was named Outstanding Alumna in 1976. Mrs. Horton's other activities and organizations included serving as President of the Maplewood New Jersey Service League; the Board of Education of Maplewood and South Orange, New Jersey; Board member of the local Red Cross; the Arboretum of Millburn and Short Hills, New Jersey; the Neighborhood House of Millburn, New Jersey; the Junior Women's Club of South Orange, New Jersey; and the New Jersey Symphony Auxiliary Board.

She was preceded in death by husband Leonard Mead Horton and son William L. Horton. She is survived by daughter Nancy Horton McCarthy and five grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

# class notes

## 1929

Mrs. John R. Jamison  
2741 N Salisbury St No 3316  
West Lafayette, IN 47906-1431

## 1934

Mrs. W. F. Stohlman  
Pennswood Village D-212  
1382 Newtown-Langhorne Rd  
Newtown, PA 18940-2401

## 1935

Mrs. W. Burke Davis, Jr.  
Tsuga  
2673 Belcher Mountain Rd  
Meadows of Dan, VA 24120-9801

## 1938

Mrs. George M. Brooke, Jr.  
405 Jackson Avenue  
Lexington, VA 24450-1905

## 1940

Mrs. Carrington Williams, Jr.  
Box 185  
Biddeford Pool, ME 04006

## 1942

Ann Morrison Reams  
771 Bon Air Circle  
Lynchburg, VA 24503  
amrsbc@verizon.net

What a glorious experience Reunion was! It was magical. The campus was beautiful, the program was special, the people were charming, the food was gourmet, and the weather was near perfect. The only thing missing was YOU who wanted to come and couldn't. We missed you greatly! **Betty Blackmer Childs** and Mackall drove down from Annapolis in fine spirits. **Joanne Oberkirch Willis** flew up from St. Petersburg, FL, looking great. She was met by her most attractive grandson, Kevin O'Neill and new darling wife Jenna who drove down from Philadelphia to see her. They waited on us hand over fist, we loved it. **Betsy Gilmer Tremain** and Mike drove over from Charlottesville for

the day on Sat. What a special couple! It wouldn't be a reunion without them. They've never missed, as far as I know. We loved being with them; they're always delightful. We held our "class meeting" as instructed and enjoyed looking at this year's scrapbook and those from 2 reunions back. How things change. No officers were elected; I'm it again. Please read the report of Reunion in the magazine. I'm sure it will cover everything, but it really can't describe the fun we had. Dean Green and his lovely wife hosted us for cocktails and dinner Fri. night and looked out for us all weekend. We enjoyed the Sat. night cocktail buffet; we found a table in the 2nd room where we could see everything and not be blown away by loud music. We sat where everybody passed us going to the bar, so we spoke to lots of people. The Sun. morning memorial service is always a tear jerker. The music always gets to me. And so it ended as it began, with good food and fond greetings and farewells. Thanks to each of you who responded in many ways. Please keep sending news for class notes. Love to you!

## 1944

Mrs. Pierpont B. Buck  
Alice Lancaster  
9357 Covenant Hill Lane  
Marshall, VA 20115  
ppbuck1@earthlink.net

The mini-reunion cruise to the Caribbean mentioned in our last class notes took place in 3/06 of last year. We wish more could've joined us for those 10 days of fun. **Peggy Gordon Seiler** and Bob, **Jean Blanton Stein** and Chuck, **Louise Smith Berry**, **Betty Williams Gookin** and Richard, **Martha Lee Hoffman McCoy** and Harry, and **Alice Lancaster Buck** and Pete all went.

**Murrell "Ricky" Richards Werth** joined us at the McCoys before sailing time. The McCoys apartment was within walking distance of the ship, so they provided parking places for those who drove. **Martha Lee** and Harry have since moved to Harbor's Edge, a retirement community where they have a 7<sup>th</sup> floor apt. overlooking the Norfolk waterfront. Daughters Mott and Emily and husbands also live in Norfolk, while son Harry practices Hematology and Oncology

in Blacksburg, VA. The McCoys have 2 great-great grandchildren; first of our class?

**Peggy Seiler** broke her hip in 1/06, but it didn't prevent her from cruising with us. Although she arrived in a wheelchair, she enjoyed the ocean, glorious weather, and friends. Peggy attends a writing class and is writing her memoirs; an example for all to follow. Last fall, Peggy and Bob flew to San Francisco to visit friends and to OR to see Bob's brother Stuart and wife. Peggy and Bob played bridge with my sister Elizabeth "Libby" Lancaster Wasburn '41 who lived in Westminster-Canterbury, Richmond. I'm sad to report that Libby died on Good Friday this past spring. Peggy also wrote: "Bob and I have just returned from Tappahannock, VA where we attended Hannah Mallory Perkins' 85<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Hannah's daughter Jody Lewis and her husband entertained 50 friends at their lovely house overlooking the Rappahannock River. They served us a delicious Southern dinner of fresh crab, ham biscuits and tomato aspic! Hannah looks younger than her years. You should have seen her playing with her twin grandsons (2)!"

We lost another good friend in Dec. when **Jean Blanton Stein**'s husband Chuck died. He had been such an addition to our reunions. **Elizabeth "Libby" Vaughn Bishop** in San Antonio would like to join us for a mini-reunion, but plane travel from TX "is no longer fun." She was in awe of the accomplishments of recent graduates. "Our sex has really made the male world

sit up and notice," she added. **Carlisle Morrissett Branch**, Richmond, has a new great-grandson, Patteson Tyler Branch. How many "greats" and "great-greats" do you suppose we have in our 63<sup>rd</sup> year after graduation?

**Hannah Mallory Perkins** lives in an apartment in Tappahannock, near St. Margaret's School where she taught for many years. Daughter Jodi, also a teacher at SMS, retires this year and lives with her husband on the river not far away. Hannah has 2 great-grandsons, 2 great-granddaughters. **Phyllis Tenney Dowd**, Chapel Hill, NC, hopes to attend Homecoming at SBC in Sept. **Catherine "Tee" Tift Porter** also likes Louise's idea of holding the '07 mini-reunion at SBC.

**Helen Gravatt Watt** lost husband Bill, 8/06. Pete and I attended the service in Lexington commemorating his life of service, particularly to students of W&L. Bill was also a wonderful host and tour guide for our mini-reunion the previous summer in Lexington. We miss him; he was always a part of our class reunions.

**Paulett Long Taggart** and Ganson moved from Winchester to Bedford, MA last year. In spite of Ganson's lymphoma treatments, they took several trips, including one to the West Coast to visit children in Eugene and Portland, OR, and in San Francisco, CA. **Betty Farinholt Cockrill** and Jim are happy to be back in Annapolis and love Ginger Cove retirement community. Their big event is visiting Hilton Head for a family reunion. They've gone for 19 years and now rent 2 houses to accommodate the family.

## HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS IN CLASS NOTES:

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no class secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 (E-mail: [alumnae@sbc.edu](mailto:alumnae@sbc.edu)). Classmates want to hear from you!

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your Class Secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Spring/Summer '08	April 1, 2008
Fall '08	July 1, 2008

Class Secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the class notes.

**Make sure the Alumnae Office has your correct e-mail address!**  
**Please send e-mail addresses to: [alumnae@sbc.edu](mailto:alumnae@sbc.edu)**

**Louise Smith Barry**'s ability to walk long distances amazes us. She took one walking group trip to Quebec National Forest. Louise was on the '44 cruise and later attended granddaughter Leah Norton's graduation (she won prizes in Biology and Spanish) from Episcopal h.s., Baton Rouge, LA. Louise encourages all to join her at SBC Homecoming, Sept. 21-23 '07. She deserves thanks from all for continued leadership and interest in our class. Many, many thanks Louise!

Pete and I (**Alice Lancaster Buck**) still take trips each year. We went on the class cruise, then a riverboat trip on the Danube with Betty Williams Gookin and Richard, 9/06 and a trip to Hawaii, 2/07. We cruise the Great Lakes, end of Sept. We play tennis and golf each week; church involvement is high priority. Our family is growing: 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren. We still live on our farm in the foothills of the Blue Ridge, and are blessed to be next door neighbors to vet-daughter Katherine, with frequent visits to see our daughter Dorsie (Dorothea Buck Harrison '73) on Leesville Lake, south of Lynchburg.

**Betty Williams Gookin** sent the following report of the very difficult time they have had this year: "Our news can't be called good. On the freezing night of 2/10/07, we had a devastating fire at The Oaks. We were dressing to go out to an evening Valentine's party when the smoke alarm went off, smoke poured into the house. Richard, myself, and our 2 big dogs escaped, but my little Westie, Lucy, ran back upstairs under my bed, and couldn't be saved. The house burned for 7 hours, but remained standing. Neighbors and family came from all over with horse vans and trucks and made a "bucket brigade" to save our things; thankfully, a lot was rescued. 3 days later in the ice storm Richard was pulled down walking the dogs and broke his wrist. Not a help! We are lucky to have our garage apt. and be on the spot as restoration continues. We're in excellent hands with our project manager, who happens to be contractor nephew Richard Williams, and the many good sub contractors he brings in. Sweet Briar friends never let you down. Alice Buck came over the next day with a big bag of clothes and comfort food. Julie Hildebrand '96 and boyfriend spent several days cleaning silver. We appreciated a call from the Alumnae Office expressing concern. We're thankful to be surrounded by love, care, and help. We survived in good health, and Richard's hand is almost back to normal."

Betty and Richard have been "troopers" and we know that they will once again be able to open that beautiful home to friends who have enjoyed their special brand of hospitality for years.

## 1945

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If you haven't heard from me, Julia, please contact the Alumnae Office to update your email address. Please send cards and letters to **Mary Haskins King**.

My news: 2 months of strenuous PT to walk better. I finally finished the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of *From Idea to Funded Project*; it's at the publisher. Forgot how much work a book was. Jan Kress, with degrees in Special Ed and Occupational Therapy, replaces the late Jane Belcher as co-author. My granddaughter Mary Lou Jacobsen is headed for UVT; I hope to take a trip there. In my letter to the class I mentioned how I stuck my finger in the ice maker after the repair man left to see if it was working. *It was*; if you want to know exactly how it works—drop me a note. My pinkie is in trauma. I went back to Bethany Beach, DE, and have CA granddaughter Laura for the summer, a delight and my last hope for this generation to choose SBC!

I had lunch with **Antoinette Le Bris Maynard** while she was here to see her son. She lives near Erie, PA, and writes "I have to say goodbye to Carol who is going to Rochester the rest of the week. I've been working on my life with the Prendergasts and granddaughter Claire, who graduated Magna cum Laude from American U. last year. Williams Coll. is exhibiting the work of the 2 Prendergast brothers, and since I'm the only person who ever lived with them, and they did so much for me, Williams would like to have it archived. I'm continuing the story of the rest of my life, which was pretty exciting. Great to be in touch with you."

I had an email from **Dale Sayler Morgan**: "Getting older speeds up every year, but I stay as busy as possible! Still with Garden Club, church, some community involvement (trying to slow down development, or at least praying for not-for-profit!). Having family here is a joy, especially being widowed. I miss that wonderful husband, but staying on in our home is also a joy. Son Philip's children are Lane, (just graduated from W&L, now backpacking in Europe), Gus (graduated and going to Auburn). Son Henry's children: Jennifer (junior at Andover) and Lilly (9). Daughter Diane and husband Dick Viall of Sewickley, PA, spent a 2<sup>nd</sup> winter in Patagonia. They're now traveling MI, WI, MN, ND, and SD for flyfishing! That's what they do in South America.

They have a web site: [www.patagonia-fly-fishing.com](http://www.patagonia-fly-fishing.com), for those interested in fishing or hunting in Patagonia or Chile. Both were in a travel business prior to retiring and are building a house in San Martin on a Jack Nicklaus golf course (not golfers!). Lately, I've become quite familiar with arthritis, weak knees and backaches, but it's great to wake up to beautiful days and have things to. Please stop by if you're going through Savannah!"

Faithful **Ann "Dickie" Dickson**

**Jordan** is full of news. I sent her an e-mail about my web page woes by mistake, but here's her good stuff. "Luke and I just spent 10 days at THE Beach at my house, were there for Palm and Easter Sun—great to be home and see friends. I love Salem and have friends here, but after 79 years at VA Beach, I still call it home. Didn't get to see Perk; she had altar guild that week and also helps with daughter-in-law who isn't well. I'm so sorry. She called the night before we left to say Lovah was there, but we couldn't drop by. Life is so complicated sometimes. Here in Salem, I see **Edie Page Gill Breakell**. We went to SBC fall '06 to a gathering at the President's house (SB House), a nice time. We were impressed with the new programs at SBC. They have a master of education, which takes 5 years to earn. They also have an updated business program. Best to you, Dickie."

From **Sadie Gwen Allen Blackburn**: Sorry about your finger! It's the kind of thing that could happen to all of us now, thank you for the warning. Our news is our granddaughter's marriage, 3/17; she and husband had a brief honeymoon in Aruba before returning to work in Austin. I think I've already told you, husband Ed is confined to a wheelchair, but it didn't prevent him from finishing his book on 19th century jail buildings in TX, which enjoys much attention since they were built by outstanding architects of the time. I don't travel to the many meetings and shows of the Garden Club of America, which I dearly loved, but am happy to report that a young active graduate of SBC is revitalizing the SBC Alumnae Club in Houston. That means exciting developments are coming. Wishing you all the best—I'm glad you're continuing in this post!

**Jean Ridler Fahrenbach** "Hope this message gets through; evidently the last one didn't. You can erase the address: [jeanl@inh.net](mailto:jeanl@inh.net). The correct address is [jeanft@earthlink.net](mailto:jeanft@earthlink.net). Last year, I traveled to Antarctica, Tanzania, and the Dalmatian coast. This year: the Mayan Riviera, Holland and Belgium, and South Africa. Photo albums are growing! Between trips, I go to the gym to stay active and do volunteer activities like Meals on Wheels, Altar Guild, AARP

advocacy, etc. We had a family reunion last summer in ME when daughter Mary, a cardiologist married Peter Culley, a lawyer. Quite a gathering of doctors and lawyers on the waterfront in Portland! Everyone was here for Thanksgiving. This was my first real winter in VT, it had its moments: 26" of snow on Valentines Day followed by a week of below 0 temps! Another foot of snow on St Patricks Day! I hope all is well with you and my classmates. VT in the summer is delightful. Come and visit!"

## 1946

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**Margaret Munnerlyn Haverty**, better known to all of us a "Munn," reports the death of Rawson Haverty, her beloved husband of 56 years and father of their 5 children. They shared a wonderfully fulfilling life that enabled them to travel widely during his long career as CEO of Havertys, the distinguished furniture business with 106 stores in 14 southern and mid-western states. Munn was at her husband's bedside when he died last Jan. 26, as were all of his children.

## 1948

Reunion 2008: May 15-18, 2008

This has been a relatively quiet year except for those of us celebrating bragging rights to become octogenarians; some earlier than others.

But Jan was the big month for me, **Martha Mansfield Clement**—all 5 of my children and 2 grandchildren gathered in Alexandria. In addition, we were joined by 2 nieces, one nephew, and a slew of greats from there and yon. A great time for all!

The year also brings sad news and we pass on to you the most recent death of **Westray Boyce Nicholas**. The cause of death was not given. My most recent address was Advance, NC.

Also this year, we received word of the death of Vic Henningsen, husband of **Mayde Ludington** and former SBC Board Chairman. We also lost another friend of the class, Cameron Benson, husband of **Suzanne Hardy**. More info

can be obtained from the Alumnae Office at 434.381.6131.

**Maddin McCallie** was honored by her church for 42 years of volunteer service as Hospitality Chairman. Her minister insisted on a celebration; indeed he planned an outstanding event! There was a special service at the church followed by a reception attended by 400+ people. Maddin's former minister attended the gala and he among others had many kind words to say about her. In effect, it was all a surprise! Congratulations!

Now, I've been saving this for last, in May '08, we will celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion at SBC! How many of us still travel? How many more will be able to travel and attend? I'm urging all of you to think REUNION at SBC to gather and share pictures and stories. Last year's Reunion was great fun for me and it wasn't even our Reunion year. I promise that they take very good care of us; door to door bus service, access to elevators and ramps, help with luggage, etc. PLEASE SAY YES!

## 1949

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My notes will be brief, since they were due 7/5, the day after my birthday (you know, I'm a "Yankee Doodle Dandy"!).

Our beloved **Fritzie Duncombe Millard** passed away on Mar.12 in Monterey, CA at age 79. During her undergraduate years, she brought spirit and enthusiasm to activities. She was a staff member of the *Brambler*, active in Chung Mungs, a song leader and member of the Coll. Glee Club. Most significantly, Fritzie was President of Aints & Asses. She was truly in her element performing in those sketches. Fritzie made lifelong friends at SBC, and attended reunions throughout the years. She was elected President of our class several times and re-elected in '04 even though she could not be present; to honor Fritzie for her dedication to SBC. After graduating, Fritzie was married to Jack A. Lynch from '49 until his death in '57 and to Grant A. Millard from '62 until his death in '76. In '93, Fritzie moved from Winnetka to Carmel, CA to be closer to her children. She was involved in the Junior League, active in All Saints Church, Carmel, CA and volunteered at the Carmel Bach Festival. Fritzie spent her last seven years living happily at The Park Lane in Monterey, CA. She is survived by daughters Carter Filion of Pebble Beach, CA and Susan

Lynch of Portland, OR; son Brook Millard of Denver, CO; granddaughters Lauren Millard and Taylor Millard; and sister Marian Hadley of Winnetka, IL. Fritzie's family extends its deepest gratitude to **Mary Fran Brown Ballard** for providing so many details of Fritzie's happy relationship with SBC.

Walter and I, **Catherine Barnett Brown**, drove up from FL in May and stopped in Charleston to visit Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community to see **Mary Louis Stevens Webb**, who was not well. We stayed there with Chance Scrantom, a close friend and cousin of Stevie, who prepared a lovely dinner on Sat. night for us, Stevie, and daughter Mary Webb. Next day, Mothers Day, **Goodie Geer De Raddo** and The Rev. Joseph treated us to dinner in the main dining room—same group plus Stevie's son Rutledge and bride Kelly. Alas, that was the last time I saw Stevie, as she passed away several weeks later on June 26. I have heard from several of you since and relayed your messages to the family. The funeral was at St. Philip's Church where she was buried next to Rutledge. We can go there and visit next time we are in Charleston.

Our travels north, after a 4-day mini reunion of Walter's Yale Class of 45W at Hilton Head, took us to another SBC hangout, Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond. There we stayed in the lovely house of **Margaret Towers Talman**. Mag was a warm hostess, providing every comfort. **Libby Trueheart Harris** invited us to Sat. night dinner after watching (with a little betting) the Belmont horse race. Walter won about 6 dollars from me, Libby, Mag, **Kitty Hart Belew** and **Caroline Casey Lindemann**. It was a happier visit, I must say. Preston sounded fine on the phone, and I chatted with Gene who is well now. **Ann Henderson Bannard** and Yorke visited Dave and **Kay Veasey Goodwin** in MA. They later had the fun of showing **Betsy Brown Boyer** all over AZ, including "our" arboretum, the Boyce Thompson in Superior, which Ann says looks spiffy these days, as it should with her wonderful bronze seed pods featured in the visitor's center.

In addition to quite a few email notes, I have talked by phone with **Preston Hodges Hill**, **Ann Henderson Bannard**, and **Alice Trout Hagan**. And I received sympathetic notes on several birthday cards.

I plan to send you all postcards soon so we can have news of the non-computer class members. Please be ready with your latest doings as we all enter a new decade with reasonable health and still functioning minds!

## 1950

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**Dotsy Wood Letts** returned a postcard full of news: she had just put **Judy Campbell Campbell** in a taxi for the airport. Judy moved from La Jolla to Carlsbad, CA, 20 mi. away; she returned from 4 mo. in England; Dotsy herself planned to visit me in Jul./Aug., then Scotland with her daughter in Sept.

**Lucy Krensler Carey** moved into a retirement community in Baltimore, MD. She teaches Russian and Polish part time at the community coll. She travels a lot, mostly to Europe; last Jan. she took her 1st trip to South America.

**Mary Waller Berkley Ferguson** and husband moved to Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond, VA. They have what is called a "cottage," but also kept their "real cottage" on the Chesapeake Bay so they can enjoy the grandchildren. "We don't have to spend all our time with the old folks!"

In May, **B.G. Elmore Gilleland** and Guy had a rainy trip to the Italian Lakes District and Venice: "Was no fun sloshing around on wet cobblestones." She lost her suitcase; nevertheless, "the scenery is beautiful." Returning, they dried out in New Smyrna Beach, FL with their 2 daughters, 2 grandsons. "Highlight was swimming with dolphins near St. Augustine!" In Aug. they will cruise the Great Lakes.

**Lola Steele Shepherd** and Deedee are busy with their mares. In Jun. they went to VA Beach for **Edith Brooke Robertson** and Peyton's wedding anniversary. Edie and Peyton aren't back into their apartment after the fire last Jan.

**Anne Peyton Cooper** wrote from Eleuthera that after Easter Services **Cora Jane Morningstar Spiller**'s daughter visited and asked about Anne's daughter's wedding. Cora Jane had sent the class notes news to the Bahamas!

The news spreads, so keep me posted.

## 1951

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Our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion was a great success. only wish that more of us were there! Our group of 14 enjoyed ourselves immensely, and took pleasure in being together and taking advantage of the beauties of the college in summer.

Present were **Pat Beach Thompson** and Calvin, **Leila Booth Morris**, **Mary John Ford Gilchrist**, **Ellen Galey Scher**, **Nancy Hamel Clark** and Blake, **Joanne Holbrook Patton**, **Susanna Judd Silcox** and John, **Pat Layne Winks**, **Marty Legg Katz** and Bill, **Jane Mattas Christian**, **Nancy Morrow Lovell**, **Laura Radford Goley**, **Jane Ramsay Olmsted**, and **Donna Reese Godwin**.

Like the college, we're not as we were 55 years ago. But also like the college, some of us have brand new parts! We're still a feisty bunch with high spirits and good humor. Highlights were: a guided tour of the campus (including the splendid Creative Arts Center on the other side of the highway) by minivan—ideal transportation for us who thought nothing of walking to the Boathouse or the dairy that no longer exists. New sights/sites to take its place, including a Southern Railway train station transported to campus. An event of interest for us was the showing of the mini-documentary, "Resting on our Laurels: Connecting the Generations." This labor of love by Joanne Patton's son Benjamin, commemorated the presentation of our senior show by the North Shore Music Theater Youth Academy. There were photographs of our classmates in the original presentation, interviews with the h.s. students who played in the revival, and—of special interest—recent interviews with our own stars. We loved seeing **Mary Bailey Izzard**, **Pat Beach Thompson**, **Keir Henley Donaldson**, **Joanne Holbrook Patton**, **Nancy Morrow Lovell**, **Josie Sibold**, and **Grace Wallace Brown** as they are today, and hearing them recall joys of that experience. If you want to see the documentary, please let me know. I'll help you obtain a copy.

**Pat Beach Thompson** led a moving ritual. She read aloud the names of classmates who are no longer with us. After each name she rang a bell, and paused. It provided an opportunity for all

of us there to hold the memory of dear friends. The questionnaires you filled out made for great reading. We loved the pictures and news clippings. Pat and Joanne have arranged to have copies distributed to all of you. As a result of their generous efforts, you're as up to the minute as I am.

A special thank you to Mary Legg Katz for collecting the class news over the past 5 years, to Pat Beach Thompson for gathering questionnaires and memorabilia into our beautiful reunion scrapbook, and to Nancy Hamel Clark for helping bring us together. I look forward to hearing from you over the next 5 years; keep me posted.

## 1957

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### NOTES FOR GLORIOUS 1957

Oh Lord it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way. Come to think of it, just why should the Glorious Class of 1957 even want to try? Again, we swept the field at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, which was a good thing, because after the 50<sup>th</sup>, all classes are put out to pasture, so to speak, lumped with all other classes that have arrived at and passed the half-century reunion mark.

Doesn't someone, anyone, in charge realize the Class of 1957 is **special?**

To continue on the lyrics path, we went out in a blaze of glory, with 87 per cent of our class participating to raise \$618,151.57 as our class gift, a huge, unprecedented sum we assume will stand for years to come and provide inspiration to those who follow us. Continuing the huge and unprecedented theme, our class giving for the past 5 years totaled more than \$6.9 million. And finally and fittingly, the Class of 1957 received the first-ever **Nancy Godwin Baldwin** award given for the class with greatest reunion attendance, and ours was 29 % total.

Fundraiser-in-Chief **Nannette McBurney Crowdus** and El Presidente **Charlotte Heuer de Serio** worked for more than a year preparing for our 50<sup>th</sup> and deserve tremendous credit for their efforts and results. Once the entire contingent from 1957 was on stage and clearly in the spotlight, a multi-foot-long banner was unfurled which detailed the specific amount of our gift. The banner came from Charlotte and Nannette and it was given to the Development Office to be displayed as a motivational device.

And while both Charlotte and Nannette have written their personal notes of thanks to each of you for supporting Sweet Briar, add my thanks, thanks, thanks to the chorus.

Nancy B has cleared the slate with SBC after giving the college 50 years of her life working at multiple jobs, the latter as the editor of the *Alumnae Magazine*, which she edited superbly. In recognition for her diligence, her dedication and because she is a wonderful person and totally deserved it, Nancy was named the 2007 Outstanding Alumna. To be expected, Nancy said thank-you-very-much in a fashion both witty and wise. After Nancy left the stage, Marsha Taylor Horton, '76 left the assembly with few dry eyes when she sang "Wind Beneath My Wings," in tribute to our classmate. Bette

Midler would be eating her heart out if she knew of Marsha's voice. Or if she were smart, would hire her as backup.

Thirty-nine "old girls" returned for reunion, a grand attendance, made even more so by the 17 spouses who were present also. Let's just run through the list, alpha fashion: **Judith Ruffin Anderson** Winchester, VA; **Marjorie Whitson Aude** and Fritz, Phelps, NY; **Nancy Godwin Baldwin**, SBC; **Kay Diane Moore Bowles** and John, Chevy Chase, MD; **Jody Raines Brinkley**, Richmond, VA; **Mary Landon Smith Brugh**, Clifford, VA; **Carol Turner Crosthwait**, Waco, TX; **Nannette McBurney Crowdus** and Bill, Madison, VA; **Jackie Ambler Cusick** and Ralph, Bethesda, MD; **Charlotte Heuer de Serio**, Bryn Mawr, PA; **Catherine Meacham Durgin**, NY, NY; **Jane Campbell Englert**, Manorville, PA; **Janet Pehl Ettle**, Sun City West, AZ; **Suzanne Gipson Farnham** and Lyman, Baltimore, MD; **Carol McMurtry Fowler**, Austin, TX; **Jane Pinckney Hanahan**, Charleston, SC; **Gail Haugan Holley**, Tequesta, FL.

And there were, **Margery Scott Johnson** and Earl, Raleigh, NC; **Ninie Laing**, Ammissville, VA; **Kay Tilghman Lowe** and James, Richmond, VA; **Chris Smith Lowry** and Britt, Rutherfordton, NC; **Lee Haskell Mack** and Charles, New Canaan, CT; **Joy Peebles Massie** and Jimmie, Goochland, VA; **Anne Ford Melton**, Lookout Mountain, TN; **Betty Murder Michelson**, Virginia Beach, VA; **May Webb Miller** and Tom, Houston, TX; **Cynnie Wilson Ottaway**, West Palm Beach, FL; **Anna "Chips" Chao Pai** and David, Livingston, NJ.

And on they came, **Lainy Newton Peters**, Pacific Palisades, CA; **Saynor Johnson Ponder** and Buddy, Macon, GA; **Marylew Cooper Redd**, Delray Beach, FL; **Carroll Weitzel Rivers**, Hollywood, SC; **Anne Wilson Rowe** and Joe, Fredericksburg, VA; **Sandra Stiglily Simpson**, Birmingham, AL; **Suzy Neblett Stephens** and Bob Lee, Irvington, VA; **Jane Fitzgerald Treherne-Thomas**, Sewickley, PA; **Jane Best Wehland** and Charles, Ocean City, MD; **Flo Barclay Winston** and Charles, Raleigh, NC and **Diane "Duffy" Duffield Wood**, Oak Brook, IL.

My form in this edition of Class Notes is to use the married name first mention and revert to the maiden name in all other instances. I think better in maiden names, by and large.

The college put on a good show for us. We were the honored guests at a multi-course dinner on Friday night and watched the "Girls of Yesterday" on film, a collection the college put together from old films and photos integrated by those who had them forwarded to SBC to be.

There we were, look-alike Mack Sennett stars, herky-jerky, very, very young and very, very thin, and for the most part, very, very recognizable. The May Court film is worth ordering from the college; most particularly it should be ordered if you have not belly-laughed in a while. We heard from senior staff at Saturday's convocation, learned the health of the college is good, and of course, were stars of the event. Nancy was honored and we stood to cheer her on. We had burgers al fresco in the new wanna be quadrangle that lives behind Reid, tours of the college, including the new Arts Barn, films, lectures, a very special memorial service to honor the late, great Elizabeth Sprague, and a farewell dinner with a variety of food offerings stashed at diverse food bars in the dining hall; breakfast, hugs and lots of goodbyes on Sunday. Those who could linger awhile attended chapel and a farewell luncheon at Sweet Briar House.

And speaking of May Court we took the time to correct an old injustice. It was agreed by one and all that Jody be added to the roster of May Court beauties. I suppose this makes her a May Court emerita. Jody is as sassy and skinny as when we first encountered her in Sept. 1953. It is **good** that some things do remain the same.

The class also voted to make both **Betsy Muhlenfeld** and her spouse, **Larry Wollan** honorary members of the Class of 1957. Betsy has long tried to determine just what makes this class of ours tick, why we have stuck together in large numbers, why we continuously lead the pack in fund raising—in short, why 1957 is virtually unique among the honorable rolls over the years. I maintain we consist of an overabundance of overachievers. And of course, we are **special**. We will see what Betsy has to add to our firepower.

There were several conversations during several happy hours, before, during and after regularly scheduled events, as they say, about the potential for regional "mini" reunions. If such a concept is attractive to any and all, Class Notes can act as an information-clearing house.

A fine surprise was the return to SBC for the first time since Jun. 3, 1957 of a trio that included Carol, Saynor and Gail. Funny, funny **Carol Turner** continues taking and printing photos, an endeavor her late husband encouraged; Gail's tan fooled nobody—we all knew she lived in FL, has taught, and does lots and lots of sailing; Saynor and Buddy could easily get jobs fashion modeling, though they prefer their time with the grands and their new condo.

Back and neck pains sneaked up on **Ginny Marks Paget**, Yellow Springs, OH, a cold with fever knocked out **Patricia**

## 1958

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**Lodewick**, Dallas, TX causing each to cancel last minute. **Lou Wallace Wilemon**, Redondo Beach, CA just prior to reunion which she was to attend, had an out of body period of time after her *former* doctor rearranged her blood pressure medicine, which Lou says caused her to be something of a wacko. Her three daughters were concerned about her making a transcontinental trip not knowing how long the weird side effects would last and made a last minute cancellation. Lou reports that life is good for her and her cat once more and that she likes her *new* doctor a whole bunch. **Marguerite McDaniel Wood**'s tennis court in Montgomery, AL won a recent match against her, causing a broken bone or two and an early exit from her reunion plans. Ginny is a hard-core reunionite (to coin a new word which sounds like a bottle of wine). Not getting to come was a big disappointment for Pat who planned to make her first trip back since leaving after her sophomore year. Ginny is still working as a consultant with the Kettering Foundation; Pat is retired from teaching, has a zillion bridge master points, travels, reads seriously and enjoys nieces and nephews; Marguerite is trim, active and generally does not lose at tennis.

KD Moore put me straight and very quickly for failing to realize and publicize that she in truth and fact is our actual Class Baby, just turning 70 in May. Maxima mea, KD. And I am sorry, **Jane Campbell**, we have to take the trophy back from you.

**Carolyn Scott Arnold**, in Paradise, aka Honolulu, HI was on the definite "I am coming to the 50<sup>th</sup>" group until her "wonderful" husband Mark experienced health problems, compounded by a bad fall, leading to two months in hospital with Scottie by his side. We all wish you speedy recovery, Mark. **Elyne Steele Shults**, Amarillo, TX came to in hospital after having a small blackout while driving to the dentist. All is well, but under Texas law she is not allowed to drive for six months. And **Sydney Graham Brady**, Galesburg, IL is downsizing from her home of 41 years and coping with husband Bill's recovery from a broken leg. Now that is one double duty trooper.

We had a number of "wish I could make it, but..." responses from folks like **Carolyn Westfall Monger**, Stamford, CT. Westie is about to retire and looks forward to being "creative." Her last email to me asked, and this will come as no surprise: "How was the step-singing?" Westie, be glad you were spared what the Class of 1957 could create. We needed Westie to help us carry a tune, though I must say that Jane Fitz, Mary Webb and Duffy put forth valiant efforts. **Dagmar Yon Halmagi Yon**, Poway, CA, cancelled a few weeks out and was

recovering from a hip replacement while we were at reunion. Dagmar asked in her last email if the weather was good, if SBC was still a magical place and could she order photos. Yes, yes and yes, Dagmar. **Diane "Dee" Robin**, Chicago, IL was unable to attend at the last minutes, but says she is up for the 55<sup>th</sup>. And **Barbara Tetzlaff**, San Francisco, CA, who is continuing with her solo law practice, could not make it, but sent best wishes to all.

Unsure whether **Susan Ragland Abramhanson**, Longboat Key, FL planned to make it, but a sleep walking experience left her beached with a broken left foot and a sprained right ankle. Susan and General Abe have five children, 14 grands, plus spouses, which keeps Susan's grey cells dancing to remember that many individual birthdays. **Dot Duncan Hedges**, Charlotte, NC will have to be hijacked to get to a reunion. But she is sort of allergic to travel, particularly when her flights seem to be canceled or multi-hour delayed, as they were with some monotonous regularity on a recent visit to family in Seattle. Dot talks a good race about no more travel—she will probably still be hanging out in Paris when these Notes are published.

**Priscilla Vermooten Baldwin**, Evergreen, CO continues involvement and philanthropic efforts at the desert museum in Tucson, AZ. She and Chips had a good visit recently. Speaking of Chips, her plans called for a fourth photo safari in Africa, a trip allowable after spouse David had success with his fourth surgery for an aneurysm immediately following reunion; **Jane Rather Thiebaud** recently completed her Ph.D at U Maine, Orono and writes possibly she and I may finally get together for a cuppa in Maine. I come, she goes, but this summer she may be around for a while. **Jeanne Fenrick Bedell** retired in Cambridge, MA on ending her academic life following foreign stints of teaching (English and American Lit) in both the Czech Republic and Poland, as well as the universities of Southern Illinois, Missouri and Virginia Commonwealth.

**Catherine Meacham** knows milestones when she sees them. Catherine was at the 25<sup>th</sup> and showed back up for the 50<sup>th</sup>. She may have lived in the Big Apple forever and ever, but her Tennessee accent must still draw a crowd in NY, NY. Catherine was the first to arrive at our hospitality room to watch the horses run in the Preakness, but it was SRO by the time the horses did their thing. Fellow Tennessee native **Anne Melton** received a Distinguished Alum Award at her Ashley Hall alum weekend in Charleston two weeks before coming to her 50<sup>th</sup> at Sweet Briar. She and **Judith Ruffin** stayed with **Mary Landon Smith**

(still PeeWee to many of us), at her home just up the road from the college.

**Ruth Ellen Green**, Natchez, MI was not at reunion, but she got all the news hot off the press from Chris Smith, as did **Nancy Shuford Dowdy**, when the three got together following the 50<sup>th</sup> in Morgantown, NC where Ruth Ellen's daughter Ellen lives. Chris sent a picture of Ellen, who has the same laughing look out of her eyes and the wonderful smile we all know in Ruth Ellen. Nancy was off to France with a group from Davidson College after their mini-reunion. Flo Winston and Charles, along with daughter Marion had a trip to Paris with son and brother Bob and his family, then to Avignon, where one hopes they all joined hands and had a rousing chorus—sur le pont d'Avignon...if so, Clan Winston was surely on key when they Disney-cruised later with son Charles and his family.

**Baba Conway Debicki**, still in Kansas, was in Paris reunion weekend getting her 21-year-old grandson acclimated before he started a six weeks stint with an architectural firm in the City of Light. Then Baba was off to Japan with a grand girl. Baba devised an Introduce-a-grand-to-the-world approach to educational travel. Each grand is taken abroad for about two weeks, their choice of site. We know we're not in Kansas anymore, Toto.

In the "Are We Hardy or Not Category," **Sandra Stingily** hotfooted it off to southern Italy for an exhaustingly glorious trip that included good time in Pompeii, Naples and other spots of antiquity, got home 36 hours before hopping another jet and making it to reunion. And displaying further evidence of the stamina and grit of 1957, **Margery Scott** and Earl spent a couple of weeks in Africa, with their three adult children, their spouses and seven grands. Margery and Earl took their three on the same trip in 1975 and since then Margery has dreamed of showing the same world to their grands. The indefatigable **Jane Fitz** and her best beau William continue to speed around the world, with Jul. cruising out of Venice and late summer in New England. It will come as no surprise that Janie Fitz continues to be our champion fashion plate. Duffy and her entire brood, numbering 20, spent a chunk of Jul. cruising the Caribbean. Wow!

**Mary Anne Wilson** returned to Spain to help SBC by running the college's Junior Year in Spain program for the fall term 2006. Mary Anne had three grand boys to visit in Madrid at the same time we had reunion, so she missed celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> with us. MA returned to SBC in Jun., but no doubt will be off and running to espana, otra vez, by the time this is published.

Ex-Presidente Charlotte was in Bermuda for a while this summer;

she and Nannette and Cynnie, our new supreme leader and Presidente, were scheduled to go Deep South, like Patagonia, with Betsy Muhlenfeld and Co. in Oct. Nannette will continue to be our fundraiser.

And on topic of fundraising: We hope our class will adopt the new Fitness Center as our fundraising project. Face it. The old Daisy Williams gym was something straight out of that movie "The Hoosiers" when we were there. Young women today not only deserve, the fact is they demand good physical fitness facilities. We are losing great student athletes because we have the oldest and totally outmoded and outdated gym in our college's competitive circuit. In addition to annual fund support, consider tabbing your gifts "Fitness Initiative" when you contribute, and to paraphrase the Texas football coach, "Give Early and Give Often." I understand some of you may have donor fatigue. We have made huge and memorable contributions.

**I believe in this initiative.** I have made what for me is a substantial pledge and I urge each of you to join me in helping raise the needed money, because it needs to be raised quickly. We have given so that students have a broader and improved curriculum, a new commons, a new bookstore and better living accommodations. We have given to stretch minds, now let's give to stretch bodies and muscles.

We extend condolences both to **Peggy Liebert Dobbins**, whose husband Gene, died in Apr., and to **Carroll Weitzel** whose husband Buist, died in Oct. 2006.

We had news of the deaths of four classmates: **Natalie Wittich Morrow** died in Feb. this year, **Sally Brothers Oliver** died in Aug. 2006, as did **Mikki Ballard Porter**, and the college only recently received word that **Betty Folmar Hunt** died in Sept. 2005. In total, we have 17 members of the Class of 1957 having reunions in the sky, which is about 10 per cent of the number who first gathered in the fall of 1953.

**Beth Muncy** Lives! Or at least her shade. Jul. took me to Oxford for the month of Jul. studying 17<sup>th</sup> Century English history, back to Austin, got my teeth cleaned, grabbed my Golden and headed off for Maine until mid-Oct. I am finally going to get to visit the Polar Bears in Churchill in Nov., and come spring, Dudley and I will continue working our way down the great rivers of Europe.

I have re-upped as your class secretary (someone apparently slipped me some of Lou's nut pills). I am convinced many more of the Class of 1957 have email than have reported to the college. I will make you a deal. If you will share with me, I will not share with

anyone else. It does make life easier than sending out those little postcards, and I am about to run out of the supply I bought when the Alumnae Association quit handing them out.

I never leave home without my laptop or my American Express card. The email address is [carol@curzon.net](mailto:carol@curzon.net). Only American Express and I know the rest. Send me your information. I can write as often as I know what to write.

All best to the most Glorious Class of 1957.

## 1958

Reunion 2008: May 10-11, 2008  
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This must be brief because everything I have to report comes from my own associations with classmates (thank goodness for Book Group!), not from any correspondence except with **Snowdon Durham Byron**, who happily reports successful recovery from back surgery. We all cheer her on!

The Book Group had 2 "surprise" visitors to the meeting at **Tabb Thornton Farinholt's** in Apr.: **Barbara Sampson Borsch** from Philadelphia (where her husband teaches theology in an interim position) and **Sue Hight Rountree** from nearby Williamsburg. We had a rousing discussion of Sara Gruen's, *Water for Elephants*.

**Courtney Gibson Pelley** invited us to visit one of her beautiful beach cottages in Emerald Isle, NC. **Susan Taylor Montague-Reese** joined the group. Sadly, I couldn't go, but happily, I saw my granddaughter (5) dance. In Jun., **Judy Sorley Chalmers-Simpson** came down with charming husband Kep, rented a riverside cottage in Ware Neck, Gloucester Co. and arranged a mini-reunion luncheon, including **Virginia McKeithan Cutchin** and **Liz Chambers Burgess** from Norfolk.

Exciting news! **Gay Hart Gaines** will be awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award at the founders' Day Convocation, Fri., Sept. 21, at Babcock Auditorium. We're so proud!

Please write me or call me about anything you may want to share.

## 1960

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How opportune for a class secretary to have a publication deadline just following our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion. It was a delightful weekend, the weather and the beauty of the campus each at # 10!

Fri. night was the ideal "welcome aboard" honoring **Lydia Daniel** and Peter joining us. They're marvelous—no change in 45 years and many tales to share. Sat.'s convocation was inspirational; we're all a part of a winning team. **Betsy Pearson Griffin** did a fantastic job as leader of the annual fund drive. Class president **Adele Vogel Harrell** led the pack and majestically assembled our scrapbook in "hi-tech" format for all to view. Big job, well done!

Sat. evening was a universal gathering of classes at Prothro with a festive atmosphere. Although there weren't a lot of us, it was a good size for visiting. Those present were **Mary Hannah, Linda Emery Miller, Kim Patmore Cool, Mary Jane Shroder, Oliver Hubbard, Julia Sheilds, Adele Vogel Harrell, Betsy Pearson Griffin, Puddin Newberry Lansing, Gray Baird**, and **Parry Ellice Adam**.

The Sun. morning service was meaningful and well directed, a fitting conclusion for a memorable weekend. We witnessed many tips on making our 50<sup>th</sup> truly spectacular. You'll be hearing more during the next 5 years!

## 1963

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In Apr., 3 roommates who spent their junior year in Paris, **Chris Devol Wardlaw, Valerie Elbrick Hanlon** and **Gayle Lyman Reid** (non-SBC housemate) reunited for the first time in 46 years at Valerie's Paris apt. Chris and Valerie wrote glowing reviews of the grand time. They walked, talked, and voyaged through Burgundy, spent a few days at a chateau near Lyon and "ate and drank as you can only in France." Each of the 3 have a son who is an attorney. Valerie returned to NY in May to resume her grandmother role. She and **Debbie Doherty Geller** rode a pedicab to the Imperial Theater on Broadway to see Valerie's niece, Xanthe Elbrick, star in "Coram Boy" for which she was nominated for a Tony award.

**Lynn Carol Blau** and Jeffrey celebrated her "big birthday" with a 2-week trip to Peru and sites around Machu Picchu. **Susan Scott Robinette** and Lamar went to Costa Rica in May on their own, no reservations, just rental car and guidebooks. They were amazed at what they could see and do independently. Susan's Spanish helped. She says Costa Rica is beautiful, but rugged. Susan and Lamar live on a farm in the foothills of the Appalachians near Clemson U. **Lyn Clark Pegg** followed up her month of language school in Nicaragua with 2 weeks on a Witness for Peace delegation to Columbia and Venezuela, and another "Flowers, Food and Free Trade" delegation to Columbia is planned for Jan. **Jane Goodridge** and George had a wonderful cruise to Portugal and Spain in Apr. They loved Lisbon and the Algarve, very impressed with Seville and Granada, enjoyed Barcelona before returning home to Charleston. **Jean Meyer Aloe** is taking a break from her creative writing studies to enjoy Ireland. This fall she will be poetry competition co-editor for literary magazine, *Inkwell*. **Betty Stanly Cates** looks forward to having Penny Pamplin Reeves as her houseguest, 4th of July. In Sept., Betty journeys to the Holy Land with a group from Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, and in mid-Oct. will be visiting China, Burma and Thailand. **Judy Gutches Needham** looks forward to a trip to southern Africa in Jul.: Capetown, Victoria Falls and camps in Botswana and Krueger Park. This is her 11th year on the Fort Worth (TX) school board, has 5 grandchildren, many pets. Back from South Africa is **Kathy Caldwell Patten** who traveled

with sister and niece. In Botswana, Kathy had a snoring water buffalo sleeping under her tent (Kathy said it sounded just like home!). In the other direction, from Denmark to the USA, **Harriett Reese Jensen** crossed the ocean twice this year visiting friends and family, once to Antigua and once to see her daughter and grandson (4 mo.) in DE. Her next trip will be to Ireland in Aug., she expects her 8th grandchild in Oct.

**Lee Kucewicz Parham** retired from teaching French and is "celebrating by never waking up to an alarm clock and having my Starbucks at leisure." She will accompany a friend on a trip to Geneva in Aug., but first she and John are coming to CO mid-Jul. to visit Heinz and me in Snowmass and her sister, Veta, in Grand Junction. **Lisa Wood Hancock** and Pete and **Keitt Matheson Wood** and Frank will join the party. The Woods returned from a beach vacation with children and grandchildren, all their siblings and cousins (including SBC grads Elizabeth and Mary Matheson), 19 in all!

In Jun., **Julia Arnold Morey** threw a "big" birthday party (60 attended!) for husband Russ. They'll go to Nags Head in Aug. and NYC and Block Island, and Portugal in fall. **Sallie Yon Williams** will follow her 2 weeks in Verbier, Switzerland, for the music festival with a visit to son Courtney and wife Nazli in Istanbul. Courtney and Nazli expect their first child in Nov. Sallie's other son Whitridge lives in NYC and with 5 other bankers has started PennantPark Investment Corp., which is trading on the NASDAQ. **Lucy Otis Anderson** says husband David has taken a bedroom for his office. Another is full of Shirley's wedding gifts while she and Norm continue to look for a house, and they're storing furniture for older daughter Lucy who is on a 2-year assignment to Chester, England, for Bank of America. Not a lot of room left! Mama Lucy and David hope to visit Chester soon. **Barby Rockefeller Bartlett** has a new grandson, Thomas John, 2nd child of son David and wife Beth. Big sister Anna (3) is adjusting well! Barby's younger son Jonathan and his wife Paige have 2 boys, Gavin (3) and Brody (1).

**Rinda King deBeck** still teaches history at UNCG. Daughter Karla, a psychiatrist with twins (7), remarries next weekend in Chapel Hill. Older daughter Lauren, a dentist in Chapel Hill, serves on town council, has 2 girls. Her son Christian finished his Urology residency, moving to Wilmington, NC. Rinda says she and Greensboro friends are always comparing who has how many grandchildren and she's behind! **Pat Calkins Wilder** and Mike have only one "perfect" grandchild, Ben (9) in Seattle. Ben is the son of Chris, district coordinator for the International Baccalaureate program, and wife Rayne.

Daughter Kelley married last Aug. and is a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute in Berlin. Pat continues her photography while Mike is "sort of on the edge" of retiring.

The fun of writing notes is suddenly hearing from "long lost" classmates; this happened twice last week! First, a wonderful letter from **Robin Swaim Davis** in Memphis. A few years ago Robin entered the U. of Memphis as a grad student in creative writing, the oldest grad student, she claims, although her curriculum draws "many interesting mature adults who have wonderful stories to tell." Now, she's 2 courses from her MFA. She started in Nonfiction, but when required to take a Fiction class found her true niche and is now working on her thesis project, Ruth, whom she promises to bring to reunion next spring! Meanwhile Robin is applying for part-time adjunct college teaching positions in English and Music. She jokes that she's been advised to deliver all her applications by hand so no one will suspect she's a grandmother of 9 and they'll skip right over her birth date! Robin sounds happy and enthusiastic and just as beautiful as always. My 2<sup>nd</sup> great surprise came from **Norma Cook** with whom I had lost touch. Norma spent some time as a landscape architect in the Ft. Worth, TX, Parks Dept., but returned to Mobile in '87 to care for parents. Her father died in '88; she lived with her mother until she died in '05. Norma says "I wanted to go to China and couldn't so God brought China to me." She carries on a ministry in the Chinese community, reading the Bible in Chinese and English, teaching reading skills and Christianity.

**Ann Knickerbocker McCulloch** writes, "Tis my season for cataract extraction/ocular implant surgery—miraculous! What a gift to see without glasses! I recommend it should it become necessary." On a similar subject, **Karen Gill Meyer** says Jim had 3 eye surgeries in 7 weeks, lost sight in his right eye "but he is such a positive person; his spirits are good, and he's playing golf!" Karen enjoyed her first year on the Sweet Briar Board of Trustees and says we should all be proud of the direction Sweet Briar is taking under the incredible leadership of Betsy (President Muhlenfeld).

Let's plan to convene at Sweet Briar next May for our 45th reunion and see for ourselves how great things are! Expect a call from our fund-raisers extraordinaire, Jane and Jean, about a class reunion gift!

Keep your news coming! Best to all!!

1964

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**Beth Hunt Allcott** says her recent family fun was awarding 3 college scholarships to recent immigrants. **Mimi Macht** was on the selection committee. The top candidate, an Arab from Ethiopia wanting to be a physician, is headed to Cornell. Beth's daughter Elizabeth just graduated from there. This is the daughter who was 7 at our 25th reunion when someone turned to her and said, "Beth, my daughter just got married!" Who said that? **Eugenia Dickey Caldwell** and Peter attended Jazz Fest in New Orleans in Apr. and May, visited friends and birded in southern LA. Day-to-day living in LA is hard; there are constant obstacles to overcome, even in parts of New Orleans that look good. Very few poor, uninsured people have received the promised grants to rebuild/repair. Birding in Cameron Parish was not such a good idea; it has been wiped out since Hurricane Rita. Between the annual Audubon Society trip to Mt. Lassen in northern CA and a family reunion in CT on July 4, they both work full time in San Francisco.

**Maryellen Freese Cota** joined husband Alberto's choir. They learned the Vivaldi "Gloria," sing for weddings, are preparing for a concert in Aug. She adores her 5 grandchildren, but admits she likes grandmothering best one on one.

**Scribbie Scribner Euston** says life is routine; they travel, play with grandchildren, fish, boat, etc. **Bunny Sutton Healy** sits at the front desk, troubleshoots at Park School outside Boston. There's plenty of time for country life, golf, piano, garden, walks, photography, cooking, and traveling. Husband Jay has a lumber operation in western MA and a consulting business for agricultural matters. Son Eben graduated from Haverford Coll. and works in the Development Office there, awaiting the perfect job, preferably with the Red Sox. Daughter Elizabeth loves her job as a vet tech in Evergreen, CO. **Sally McCrady Hubbard**'s husband Charles broke his hip in May. He had just returned from a watercolor course at Ghost Ranch in NM so is painting while housebound. They take advantage of Sewanee's rich

summer offerings, concerts and writers' conferences. Grandson Duncan (7) and Sally completed the 20-mi. Perimeter Trail around the Sewanee campus, Jun.

**Dabney Williams McCoy** spent a weekend in Rodanthe, N.C., with **Sallie Mullins Thompson** and new husband. Daughter Catherine married 6/23 at the family summer place in ME, then returned to Lausanne, Switzerland, where her husband works for Philip Morris International. 2 adorable grandsons live in Richmond, 3 in Charlotte. **Susan Strong McDonald**, on a 50% phased retirement program, is teaching art summers and fall at the community college and wintering in FL, late Dec.–May. A new book on the women's gallery she was part-founder of in the '80s, *Warm: A Feminist Art Collective in Minnesota*, by Joanna Inglof, was published by U. of MN Press and includes her work with that of 11 others. She took care of the 3 MN grandchildren (6, 3, 1) for 4 days—wonderful but long enough.

**Laura Haskell Phinizy** says all's well. She and Stewart visit Spain in Sept. with the UNC alumni group. **Traylor Rucker** loves retirement in Mount Pleasant, SC. She volunteers at the hospital with community/neighborhood organizations and at Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston. Grace produced a well-acclaimed CD of its choirs and congregational singing, called "O For a Thousand Tongues," available with Pro Organo label. She invites alumnae headed to Charleston for festivals. Over the last couple of years, the floor of

**Magda Salvesen**'s studio has become a makeshift base for visits to NY by SBC foreign students from Scotland, Germany, and Italy. It's fascinating to hear their daily adventures. Magda teaches at the NY Botanical Garden and at the New School U., and works with the Jon Schueler estate. There have been 3 one-person exhibitions of Schueler's paintings this year. A group show is on the road for a couple of years. **Saralyn McAfee Smith** and Hamp have a new granddaughter, Cheyenne Nicole Tawater, born 1/10/07. Hamp is great after 5 bypasses last summer and a new heart valve. They take senior aerobics; baby sit Cheyenne each day while daughter Laura works. In summer they have Laura's other daughter, Sierra (7) with them as well. Saralyn works as volunteer secretary for their church, St. Cornelius' Episcopal, and is on the vestry. She and Hamp celebrated their 41st anniversary on 6/26/07.

**Kathleen Watson Taylor** and Marshall are grandparents 5 times over, all age 4 and under, and expect number 6 in Oct. All grandchildren live nearby. Their children are healthy and great parents; they feel blessed. Marshall retired from

his radiology practice 3 years ago and enjoys work on their farm property. They hope to build a home on the farm. They left the Episcopal Church and affiliated with the Anglican Mission in America. Kathleen takes piano lessons, enjoys gardening. **Sally Rasco Thomas** is still a Planned Giving Director at the American Heart Association, travels frequently in southern CA, enjoys her 3 grandchildren. She recently saw **Brooke Patterson Koehler** who was fresh from a round-the-world cruise, lucky girl.

**Chris Kilcullen Thurlow** has lived in Old Greenwich, CT, 32 years. She leads an active life "for an old bird." She's Vice Chair of the Board of the Nathaniel Witherell Nursing Home, which is embarking on a \$40 million rebuilding project. She received her Master Gardener's certificate in '04, teaches the elements of garden design, and uses gardening therapy with seniors. Husband Steve, partly retired, is active as the president of the NFL Alumni of CT. He started a new bank, the Bank of Greenwich, and is involved in numerous charitable activities. They have 4 grandchildren under age 3 and expected twins when she wrote. All live close by; life is sweet surrounded by family. They've spent time and much of the children's inheritance traveling to Africa (climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and went on safari), South America (Galapagos, Peru, Atacama Desert and Patagonia), Europe (Normandy), Asia (Bhutan, Tibet, Nepal, Thailand), and spent several weeks on the Trans-Siberian Railway crossing Siberia. Home is always best.

1966

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As your co-class secretaries, Randi and I are grateful to all who shared news and reflections—good to hear from you. For many of us, retirement begins (or is seriously considered), we discover that this means a re-engagement with life's flow and wonders in new ways.

**Meredith Aldrich** writes the primary school she founded in Geneva, NY celebrated its 30th anniversary. She teaches K–1 part time, continues poetry writing and singing.

**Emily Baker Cleaves** and Alan retired in '06 and moved to Dallas, OR, near Salem. They enjoy living in a 55+

community. After a 3-week visit with 4 children and 6 grandchildren in CA they look forward to an extended cross-country motor home trip next year.

**Judy Barthold De Simone** writes: "I am a terrible procrastinator (excuses, excuses), which is why this is running close to your deadline. Really, I don't have NEWS, am still in IN (since '98) living in a big, small apartment over my mother's residence. Frank and I operate my law office (mom comes in when she wants to) and [I] still call myself "lawyering." Location and set-up suits because we can break away for 1-2 weeks to visit grandgirls (5, 3) in MD or grandson (10) in MA. When in MD, I touch base with **Linda Wallace Bailey** ...So, good family, good friends, and good ideas keep me happy..."

**Mary Ann Calhoun Farmer** and Tom travel more now that he retired from real estate. They went to the Eastern Mediterranean in Jun., to CO in Jul. where 2 daughters live. Oldest daughter lives in Richmond, VA. They have 4 grandchildren, another due in Sept.

**Jean Campbell Barquin** in Bethesda, MD (24 years now) celebrates 30 years of marriage with Ramon. She retired last year from job of 12 years as librarian at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School in Washington, DC, loves retirement! Son Nick turned 28 and lives/works in NYC. He's engaged to be married. Daughter Elisa lives, studies, and works in Spain.

**Kathryn Carroll Mathewson** and husband Dave live in Signal Mountain, TN where Kathy is Associate Rector of St. Timothy's, a vibrant ministry. She also works on a D. Min. in Preaching. Dave is business manager of the Bright School in Chattanooga. Daughters Heather and Carrie live in Pittsboro, NC where Kathy's treasure lies: 2 grandchildren, Kate (6 mos.) and Ahern (6).

**Victoria Chainski Verity** lives in Beaufort, SC with husband Jon who retired from banking after 38 years. They joined Jon's brother and sister-in-law in an investment company, Verity and Verity, LLC and travel a lot. They "love having houseguests," be sure to include Beaufort on your travels.

**Sarah Dean McGill** writes: after 14 years as a "stay-at-home mom" and 20 years teaching junior high math and science, she retired in '04. Like everyone else, she discovered retirement is anything but! She has one grandchild, an adorable boy (2) to spend Fridays with, loves it! She became certified as a volunteer naturalist at The Falls of the OH State Park, where she works with school groups who visit the Devonian fossil beds. She spends hours working with community theatre, not acting, but administrating and almost anything else.

Husband Joel is still in general practice in Brownstown, loves it, will probably work a while longer. Sarah came to SBC Reunion '06 at the behest of **Abby Patterson Shultz** and **Holly Hemphill Cramerus**, who phoned her on Christmas day of '05. She was afraid she wouldn't remember anyone except Abby, Holly, and Kit, but writes of a wonderful time!

**Marilyn Garabrant Morris** was fortunate to have seen regularly **Mary Meade Gordon Winn**, **Marty Rogers Brown**, and **Eleanor Gilmore Morris** either in FL where Marilyn and husband live during the winter, or in Chadds Ford, PA in summer. Marilyn sees **Ginny Lee Butters** in Wilmington, DE.

**Deborah Haslam Peniston** writes: "All is well in Vero Beach, FL in winter, and Sharon, CT in summer. Lots of golf and bridge. 2 new grandchildren in CA, lots of visits there."

**Diana Herran Barrett** lives in NY having left Harvard U. after 25 years. She now runs a film production company that produces and supports documentary films, "a new career and great fun!"

**From Jeannie Jackson Exum:** "Joe and I live in Kinston, NC with 3 Jack Russell terriers. Our children are married with children and all 3 live within 2 hours of us: Jay is a federal prosecutor in Raleigh; Manning works with his dad in the family business (Happy Jack, Inc.) in Greenville, NC; and Sallie works for Wyeth Pharmaceutical, lives with family in Chapel Hill, NC. They've made us grandparents of 5 who bring us immeasurable joy. I retired from nearly 40 years of on-and-off teaching Latin and French in public and private schools. I loved it, but haven't looked back since. I enjoy free time that I've never had. My closets are a little more organized, my garden looks more like what I had envisioned 35 years ago. We spend time on the coast, took an extended trip to New Zealand in Jan. We're constantly aware and grateful for this special time in our lives."

**Sally Kalber Fiedler** and husband Jay celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a trip to Italy last year highlighted by hot air ballooning in Tuscany. "Pure bliss." Daughter Julie, working for NBC in NY, plans an Oct. wedding at Sally and Jay's. Lee, Caryn, and grandson Alex (4) will move to Portland, OR this summer.

**Lee Mackubin Miller** in Atlanta returned from walking the pilgrimage to Santiago (130 mi. through central Spain) with husband and middle daughter Macon. "A truly strenuous, meaningful and beautiful experience." Her joy is "my God, my family, reading, exercising, and living to the fullest." She still works with the mentally impaired.

**Martha Madden Swanson** writes: "I'm retiring end of Jun. after 23 years

at Georgetown U. working with student groups and organizations. It's been a wonderful run; I'll be sad to leave my marvelous colleagues and students, but it's time. I've the usual plans: sleep, garden, read, do needlework, travel. I'll continue fundraising for the school in the Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya for h.s. students whose parents died of AIDS. We're raising funds to build a new school, for operating expenses and scholarships for graduates. It's run by a Jesuit we met on our immersion trip in Jun. '05. Children are fine: Michael and Dottie are still in the same house and jobs, and daughter Sarah is with a new marketing company in NYC. Hard to believe it's been a year since Reunion."

**Cindi Michel Blakely** and Bobby are proud grandparents of 2 girls (3, 5) and one boy (1) in Ann Arbor, MI. Cindy and Bobby travel between D.C. and Houston with Bobby's job at Fannie May, just bought a summer home in RI that they're trying to make habitable. She's involved in the library at Charter School in D.C., has seen **Susan Kjeldsen Roos** and **Linda Reynolds Stern**.

**Kathy Mockett** and husband John enjoy semi-retirement. John works part time; she tutors h.s. students in French, Spanish, and Italian. They love going to their house on Cape Cod, just finished remodeling upstairs. Stepdaughter Lisa and husband Todd will be parents in Jul. Daughter Alyson is doing her post doc in a cancer research lab at MIT. Other daughter Amanda has toured with her band "The Dresden Dolls" for 2-3 years (opening up for Cindy Lauper). Kathy and John are both active in church; he's the financial chair, she is in choir and on welcoming committee.

**Jane Nelson** writes, "I'm still working at Westminster-Canterbury, Richmond, in pastoral care. Penn, Kennan, and I met in Nashville, late May, for a weekend. Kennan and I stayed to attend a Festival of Homiletics (great preachers/lectures)."

**Andrea Pearson Pennington** is Court Referee (25 years) at Strickland Youth Center, and husband Al is a private practice attorney. Oldest daughter Katy married in May in Mobile. Younger daughter Anna lives and works in Atlanta. She misses them, but is grateful for cell phones. Andrea saw roommate **Martha Madden Swanson** when visiting D.C., "trying to figure out what to do when I retire."

**Lida Pierce Small** and Wayne have lived on Capitol Hill, D.C., since 1994. She's a concierge at the Mayflower Hotel and just received the gold keys of the International Les Clefs d'Or Concierge Association. She has 2 grandsons, Evan (8) and Colin (4) in Philadelphia and a 3<sup>rd</sup> grandchild on the way this summer in CO.

#### **Diana Simrell Savory** shares:

"Philip's and my life in Goshen, CT, is lovely. We live in the house we bought in '74 and moved into when Jess was 2 wks old. She's now 33! NW Ct is still a beautiful natural setting. Favorites for me are outdoors: the Housatonic River, wildlife, and the garden. Other joys are yoga and meditation. I continue to teach at Washington Montessori. It has been a community for the family for years."

**Sally Thomas Hoffman** lives in the country on 5 acres with big trees and deer. Lots of projects—she has a garden spot, loves being in the dirt. She's active in the American Sewing Guild Chapter and was the Education Chair for 3 years. Husband Paul is building large shop on his property for his toys (metal working machinery). Last year, they went to Brazilian coast where the adventurous brother-in-law lives. Sally loved it, most of all Iguazu Falls on the Argentinian border. They also stayed at an eco ranch; saw lots of wildlife: emus, toucans, giant anteaters, monkeys and ocelots.

**Sid Turner** shared these reflections: "I've come to a time in my life when it's natural to do some assessment of where I am and where I am going. I've gone from acquisition to downsizing mode. However, I've had limited success with downsizing my waistline, our books, and my list of doctors. I miss my younger, healthier, stronger, more flexible body. However, I prefer my current hair (natural silver frosting) and skin (no zits). I thought when I retired I would have time for reading the newspapers, magazines, and books, that the house would be immaculate, etc., ha! In our carefree retirement, husband Lee and I enjoy traveling. These days, however, I'm more mindful of how far away decent medical care is. I enjoy getting together with friends and family, am active in church where I continue to search for spiritual insights. My house keeps me busy. Everywhere I look, things are screaming: "Clean me! Fix me! Move me! Get rid of me! Replace me! Organize me!" Retirement communities are starting to look interesting, but I can't possibly move until I take care of the mess."

**Julie Whitehurst MacKinlay** writes that after 20 years in VA Beach raising her family, working with Ed, being an EMT on the Rescue Squad, they bought a 150 acre farm in Rockbridge Co. near Lexington, but kept a small "carriage house" at the Beach. One of 4 daughters lives at the Beach, 2 live in Richmond and one lives near Pensacola, FL. All but the youngest are married; they have 6 grandchildren (including twins!). Ed practices some international corporate law (from a tenant house on the farm—yay computers!). Her greatest satisfaction besides family is being involved with the Garden Club of VA.

### For Muriel Wikwo Lambert

it has been another busy year. She continues research on cancer prone genetic diseases, *Fanconi anemia* and *xeroderma pigmentosum*, supported by NIH grants. She's still head of the Ph.D. graduate program in Molecular Pathology and Immunology at UMDNJ-NJ Medical School, teaches in the graduate program and directs the research of grad students and a Research Associate. Clark is Director of Dermatopathology at the Med. School. Daughter Anastasia finished her 2nd year of Med. school, is headed to South America at the end of summer for 2 months of work in family medicine and to brush up on her Spanish. Son Phelps graduated (Cornell); completed his Master's from Eastern Carolina U. Her other son, Peter has finished his junior year at Wesleyan U. With all the children at college, graduate or medical school, Clark and Muriel decided to remodel the kitchen and like many projects this took on a life and timeline of its own. The kitchen almost complete, other parts of their Tudor House are next in line for remodeling.

**Penn Willets Fullerton** writes that life is full. She's blessed with one grandchild whom she takes care of every Tues. and 2 in San Diego. She still teaches creative writing in public schools and tutors kids at home, loves it. She tries to fit time for her writing. She and George have a cabin in the Sierra foothills and go there often. Penn and Jane Nelson had a mini-reunion at the Grand 'Ol Opry, TN. **Susan Dodson Hiller** couldn't make it due to new grandson's arrival.

**Rab Willis Finlay Thompson** has been blessed to remarry wonderful George Thompson, a lifelong Virginian. She spends half the year in Northern VA, some in her SC home and part of the summer in ME. She and husband visit children and grandchildren and the world. She rides almost daily and hunts in VA and SC. She has 6 grandchildren (3-B) who love the farm and horses! She gave up college teaching when she married George, but finds herself busier than ever, is working for conservation and environmental causes. She's trying to use the land well, spends time learning about farming and energy conservation techniques. Walking around the place in the evening is very satisfying, especially accompanied by a grandchild or 2.

**Judy Wilson Grant** says CO is still great. Since retiring from teaching 6 years ago, she has enjoyed volunteering for the Denver Antiques Show and Sale, Denver Botanic Gardens, Garden Club of Denver, Denver Debutante Ball, U. of Denver Humanities Institute and serving on the SBC Board of Directors. Her offspring: Caroline (24) lives, works in Chicago; Newell, Jr. (26) works for his

boarding school, Westminster; Will (28) trains horses in Bowie, TX; Margaret (30) married last year, teaches at Denver School for Science and Technology.

### Bob and I, Makanah Dunham

**Morriss** are finally moving into our re-created, remodeled (in eco-sustainable ways) home in Forest, VA after our first 14 mos. of retirement in a travel trailer! We love the property, sharing the adjoining acreage with **Kit Baker Sydnor** and husband Kendall. Kit and daughter Jenn run a great barn and training facility that we share. Riding horses, being involved with local church and community social activities, visiting our children and one grandson in NJ make life full and good. Since **Betty Booker Morriss** is married to Bob's brother Dabney, I get to keep up with Betty not only as a SBC "sister" but also as sister-in law. Can't get better than that!

Send your news and wisdom anytime (we get to have class notes in the SBC magazine anytime we have some!) to either me or Randi. We will send a reminder nudge once a year to help us stay connected.

## 1967

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Reunion 2007 was a fine celebration and a wonderful visit with 27 classmates back on campus. We surpassed our Reunion Giving goal. A big thanks goes to **Gail Robbins D'Quin** for all her work and everyone who supported Sweet Briar. **Judi Bensen Stigle** and I "ran" unopposed for class officers although we did try to recruit new officers; so we're back for a few more years. Please help us gather and share news and I'll have a full report for the next issue of the magazine.

## 1968

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We had a fabulous reunion. Our total '72 Class Gift was \$210,131 with 69% participation, setting the record for 35th Reunion Class Giving. We're on the Record Plaque in Prothro! Again!

Many of our class were in attendance: **Jennifer Linsley Alphin**, **Marty Neill Boney**, **Ginger Upchurch**, **Collier Carter Frackelton**, **Eileen Gebrian**, **Janet Nelson Gibson**, **Kathy Keys Graham**, **Jill Johnson**, **Edna Ann Osmanski Loftus**, **Karen Medford**, **Betty Moricle**, **Peggy Morrison-Ooton**, **Jeannette Pillsbury**, **Gail Garner Resch**, **Bonnie Moe Stook**, **Kathy Upchurch Takvorian**, **Mary Sue Morrison Thomas**, **Marion Walker** (our Pres in Perpetuity), **Sue Shields White**, **Marcia Wittenbrook**, **Susan Snodgrass Wynne**. We missed all who could not celebrate with us.

**Nancy Hagar Breutsch** writes she was not able to respond to the reunion information or the questionnaire because she was going through chemotherapy for non-Hodgkins lymphoma. She is happy to report good news. The chemotherapy treatment seems to have worked and the scans are clear. She is back at work full time, but still gets tired by the end of the day. She was sorry to miss all the fun at the Reunion but will make a big effort to get to the 40th. Nancy now lives in North Palm Beach, FL, and works in the security industry. She is a training manager at the corporate headquarters of The Wackenut Corporation. Her children are grown and living in Denver, CO. Daughter Kim is an attorney and is married. Daughter Kelly is a 5th grade teacher and is going to school at the U.CO for a Master's in

English Literature. Son Matt works for NAPA auto parts. Nancy plans to visit them this summer for her birthday.

**Lee Essrig** returned to her hometown of Tampa, FL, last year after 4 years in Brussels, Belgium, then 3 in Minneapolis, and finally 10 years in Boston. Yes, she writes, you can go home again. Lee has been an ethics and compliance officer for almost 15 years and loves her work. There was an area alumnae gathering recently, and she was thrilled to see Jacque Penny '71, whom Lee had not seen since Jacque graduated. What a treat it was to catch up with her after 36 years! Returning to Tampa has allowed Lee to reconnect with friends and family, she is delighted to be back.

**Deirdre Conley** moved back to FL—same company, new job as Southeast Division Sales Director. She's responsible for wine sales from FL to NC to TX for Boisset America. Husband Gerard and "Dede" loved living north of San Francisco, near the wine country, with cool dry weather and lots of interesting places to visit. They took a last 2-week trip along the coast up to Mt. Olympus in WA. Gorgeous rocky coastline, redwood forests and they saw whales 3 times! But, it's nice to be home in FL and not wear a sweater every day. Also, it's good to be back in sales after doing marketing, plus to be closer to family.

**Mary Heller** and I, **Jill Johnson**, returned from another visit to Rehoboth with **Karen Medford**. **Janet Nelson Gibson** joined us for a weekend, but Mary and I (Jill), courtesy of Karen, extended through Jul. 4<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed fireworks on the beach. A big highlight was cocktails with **Tina Hall Baugher**. It was wonderful to see Tina and catch up on gossip about **Renee Wellford**, **Caroline Mauck Grumbine**, and **Kakki Jones Morrison**. We hope to see them in person one day.

Thanks for all your info for the Scrapbook. I hope you will be able to attend a Reunion and see all our class info and photos. I agreed to continue with the notes for another term. Please send any info you'd like to see in them. As soon as I have a reasonable amount, I'll publish again in the SBC Magazine. Send via snail or email; whatever works for you. Best to all.

# 1973

*Reunion 2008: May 10, 2008*

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**Wendy Robertson** says: "Can you help? I see that Lillian has gone. Do you know anything about it? I had looked for her earlier and couldn't find her listed. She and I were grade school classmates, hung out in h.s. at lunch, wandering the halls quietly instead of staying in the noisy cafeteria. I was close to her older sister Susan and still search for her." Wendy went through rough years, but is on top again. A divorce was part of it, but the good news: she relocated and is down the road from Sweet Briar, glad to be out of Richmond once and for all. Growing up on campus as a staff "brat," SBC has always been home. In fact, the property she owns of Waugh's Ferry Road, the back road to Amherst, backs up along its western flank to Sweet Briar's northernmost property. She can see the dam at the lower lake through the trees from her house. A riding trail edges her property. Wendy has also reunited with her h.s. /coll. sweetheart, Jim Robertson. His father was Chaplain at SBC from '66-'73. They live in her mother's house, built after Wendy's dad, 21 years Director of Buildings and Grounds at SBC, died. Her mother passed away 4 years ago, and Wendy returned home to the mountains and to Sweet Briar. Her 3 children live in Richmond. Raised in the city, they enjoy visits to the country, but they also enjoy the faster life Wendy was glad to leave. She still works for the VA Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, playing with plants and insects, serving the citizens of the Commonwealth. Wendy was only a student at SBC in '71-'72, returned to VCU in Richmond to finish her degree, later attending VA Tech as a grad student in Horticulture. Wendy writes that she hasn't been "sitting still, but I also haven't made much noise either. I'm glad to see that you and yours are doing well. I thank you for your diligence in handling the alumnae notes. Perhaps we will find each other at Reunion or Homecoming sometime."

Reading the SBC Magazine made **Renee Sterling** melancholic for the dolls and smell of the SBC spring. When she bought a house in Dallas, one requirement was that she could hear the birds chirping as they did when she lived in Carson. For the past 8 years, Renee has split her time between LA and Dallas, adores southern CA. She is still with Private Client Services at Smith Barney managing portfolios and financial planning.

# 1974

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# 1976

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It's difficult to know where to begin. Our class is made of accomplished, talented women. SBC served us well and continues its mission in great measure due to the efforts of dedicated alumnae! We are proud of the input of classmates ensuring that SBC is a thriving institution, but also one where traditions are preserved. Their mission permits today's students and alumnae to share a common and life-long bond.

We all love SBC, but there isn't a harder working class member than **Sally Old Kitchin**. Rather than report on her children's achievements (although I'll tell you her son Leggett graduated from W&L, daughter Maria (SBC grad) teaches at Norfolk Academy where her son William is a rising senior) she wanted me to pass on important information about SBC: The Challenge to the Class of '76 is to match a \$250,000 gift to the Fitness and Athletic Center. This means significant Naming Opportunity for '76. The new facility is critical for attracting and retaining students. It will be a gathering place for students, guests, faculty, and staff, featuring Fitness and Wellness classes and a state-of-the-art workout facility. Athletic teams can use the space for practice. Events may be held at SBC to serve the community. With exception of the indoor pool, the gym hasn't been renovated since we arrived! It may be used for Commencement and events such as dances and concerts, tying the campus together. The Bistro will be located in the new building. Members of the challenge committee will contact classmates regarding this project!

Another hard-working SBC Alum is **Kit Newman Detering**. Kit and Carl love empty nest life, busier than ever! After 6 years of operating Hart and Hind, the Deterings are thrilled to have the Ranch to themselves. Kit has put a jukebox, pool table, and flat screen TV in the lodge; they love dancing into the early a.m. to oldies! Invite us back, Kit! Cassie will be a senior at Sewanee and Carlos a junior at UT Austin, so the Deterings do a lot of "hook 'em horns" football games. Kit continues to serve on the SBC Board of Trustees. Carl and Kit are on both the

Sewanee's and UJ's Parents' Councils. She feels like they're back in college. Kit and Carl were busy last year with Cassie's presentation which started early Nov. They hosted a private party with another family at the Houston Country Club with just under 1000 on Dec 23rd. Kit is a provisional in the River Oaks Garden Club, she will dig every Mon. at Bayou Bend Sept-May for the next 2 years. The Deterings traveled to Buenos Aires, May, and plan a family trip, Jan., to Patagonia for fly-fishing.

**Mary Beth Hamlin** has been busy! She visited **Meg Shields Duke** at her darling home in Vail where she skied, dined and had fun at their now annual get-together. **Peggy Weimer Parrish** and MB went to Newport, RI last fall to tour the Newport homes etc.—lots of fun and walking—stayed in a charming B&B. **Margot Mahoney Budin** and MB spent a long weekend in Amelia Island/Sea Island relaxing and enjoying food, wine and scenery. Margot, Peggy, and MB went to Jackson Hole last year to ski, dog sled, and snowmobile to hot springs, swam amidst the snow, had a ball! She had dinner in Chicago with newlywed

**Candi Casey** who looks divine, works for William Blair. She was in Richmond for her daughter's field hockey championship fall '06 and had dinner with **Carrington Wise Brown** and family. She visited her with lovely daughter Annie '06, stayed with her spring '07 for a long weekend, did Chicago touristy things, a wonderful visit. She ran in to **Karen Adelson**

**Strauss** in Winnetka, had a quick chat; she's house hunting. Her daughter Caroline graduated from Chatham Hall and was excited to be admitted to Mount Holyoke, early decision. Though not SBC, it's a woman's college! Chatham Hall, like a junior SBC, has been the best experience for her. MB recommends it if anyone is looking for a super (girls) boarding school. Son Hollis is at home although he's considering boarding school for 10<sup>th</sup> grade. He's a LAX and DDR nut, so much fun to have around. The 3 went to St. Croix with Chicago friends this past year, to Naples several times, to Beaver Creek at Christmas with a family who has children the same ages, and NYC together. She's still involved and active with a family business and enjoys the other side of 50!

**Meg Shields Duke** brings news from CO! Actually, she was in Paris when she penned her notes celebrating her daughter's (SBC JYF graduate, Margo) graduation from college! The Dukes planned to tour the SBC building with Margo, then to enjoy a farmhouse in Provence. Meg missed the last SBC reunion to attend her older daughter's once-in-a-lifetime appearance in the NCAA Lacrosse Championships. They

watched the games on TV to predict whether or not Meg would make it to SBC! Meg and **Mary Beth Hamlin** get together at SBC's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Homecoming Weekend. Meg and Jamie visited with **Gray Thomas Payne** '75 and Tom in Camden, ME on their way to younger daughter's Parents Weekend at Colby Coll. on Presidents' Weekend. Mary Beth and Meg skied together in Vail. Meg caught up with **Ann Stryker Busch** at their 35th h.s. reunion in St Louis. All are doing well! Meg and Jamie enjoyed middle child, Margo's Dartmouth graduation. Margo will be working at NY law firm Simpson Thacher next year while contemplating law school. Older son Jamie Jr. is in the accounting division of Vail Resorts, Inc., lives in a loft in lower downtown Denver with other Middlebury alums. At least one's still in CO!

From Houston, **Dede Ryan Ale** enjoys life. John is busy running the Houston office of Skadden Arps; she volunteers with various organizations. Son John (19) will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> year at UVA, pledged KA, is happy. Matthew (17) will be a senior at the Taft School, CT. The Ales are looking at colleges for the fall application process. Sadly Dede lost both her parents last year. Dede and siblings have been cleaning out the house for its sale. Dede and John had a great time visiting with **Lisa Robertson** and Tim and Sally Kitchin and Jim at UVA.

**Norris Judd Fergeson** and family moved back home to Houston in 6/06 for a job opportunity for Grant, better h.s. options for the girls. Grant works for Devon Energy, enjoys it. Norris still does appraisals, business is good, even though it's mostly Corpus Christi clientele. Daughter Katie will be a senior in h.s., youngest Cecily a sophomore. They're a joy. The family has fun in Houston, sees old friends, visits the museums, galleries, and the opera. Grant's photographs have been exhibited at the Williams Tower this month, in a show called *Under the Radar* and in Corpus Christi in other venues. The Art Museum of South TX purchased one of his photographs last summer; he's exploring the Houston cityscape as a current topic. Norris's parents are frail, but live only a block and a half away, so she can check on them, a blessing.

This is a year of endings and new beginnings for **Rebecca "Becky" Burt**. Becky split with her partner after 9 years, stopped playing softball. But, Becky made clear that she still hasn't grown up! She thought she'd move to NM at the end of summer, but instead she'll return to LA (after 26 years in Houston) to clean and sell the family house. Luckily, her employer lets her work from home. For the past few years, Becky has worked on jewelry and metal-smithing skills. She took summer sessions at Penland

School of Crafts, NC, and classes at The Glassell School (Houston Museum of Fine Arts). She wants to transition from reselling other people's work to her own designs. One of Becky's pieces, *Bastille Day*, was chosen for display in the '07 Student Exhibition. Her website, [www.silvermoontraders.com](http://www.silvermoontraders.com), still focuses on the Native American business (she can be found at large TX Pow Wows), but she expects to have some of her personal jewelry and metalwork on the site soon.

**Tennessee Nielsen** in Dallas had 2 difficult years. Divorced again, but living the mantra "If I can't be an example, then let me serve as a warning!" Tennessee is retooling her legal career. She's interested if any classmates have experienced age discrimination in the workforce. Daughter Kelsey Indorf has graduated with her Master's in accountancy from Wake Forest, will begin working for PWC in Atlanta, Sept. She enjoys friendships with other Dallas girls from our class: **Cissy Humphrey, Kay Ellisor Hopkins, and Beth Bates Locke.**

**Cissy Humphrey** made a *big* commitment to SBC; she's the proud owner of columbarium space on Monument Hill. A part of Cissy will always be at the Briar Patch. Cissy has spent 20 years taking care of her niece and nephew after her brother passed away. Her parents passed away years ago, Kelly and Cody have been a large part of her life. Cody (25) served as a marine in Iraq. He married his sweetheart Amanda, is now back in TX. Kelly (29) is married, expects a baby on Christmas Eve. Cissy knows her brother and parents would have been proud of both children.

**Candi Casey** reported from her blackberry that she has had 2 years of a great marriage (well I think that is worth reporting!) and a challenging profession in international institutional sales in the investment banking business in Chicago (I'm impressed!).

**Melanie Coyne Cody** had an up and down year. She vacationed in Ireland fall '06 with 2 other couples. They explored the SW countryside, pubs, and Killarney Lakes. In Feb. Melanie and husband took a cruise to French Polynesia. She thought Tahiti was a pit, but Bora Bora and Moorea were gorgeous! They snorkeled, hiked, kayaked, and dined on tiny portions of Cordon Bleu food, a great trip! Sadly, both of her parents died of cancer within 3 mos. of each other. Melanie and sisters are worn out and feeling blue. Both of her kids are wonderful. Caitlin is in grad school at VCU getting her MS in communications and strategy at the Adcenter. Sarah is a junior at Scripps in CA. It's hard to believe they're grown up. Melanie visited with **Missy Briscoe McNatt** and **Becky Wilson McDonough**, both of them look

fabulous, love their jobs. Melanie works at Y&R Chicago and Wunderman Chicago as the Director of Talent/ manager of People (HR in a sane industry).

**Karen Adelson Strauss**'s oldest son Luke graduated with honors and a Philosophy Award from Middlebury. He majored in physics and philosophy, and seeks work that will help him decide which engineering career to pursue. Anybody got contacts? Karen's 2<sup>nd</sup> child Jen will be spending her jr. year at Hebrew U. in Jerusalem. She's majoring in International Relations, getting an intense education at American U! Youngest Andrea is on her way to stardom as a soccer goalie. She's in 10th grade, and won the regional award as a freshman in her league for top goalkeeper. From the sidelines, Karen watches her leap and dive, praying that she avoids another concussive run-in with a goalpost or another strained/sprained/bruised body part. She hopes her divorce will be completed by the end of this calendar year. Other than that, she's healthy, working in environment and public health, and hoping to reconnect with classmates. Although she has been struggling to adjust to single life, she's ready to rejoin the world, so anyone in or through Chicago—call Karen!

**Carol Wilkinson Lee** has been busy since retiring '06. Big changes and a new adventure are in store for the Lees. They are selling their house in AK and moving to Costa Rica! They'll be living in their condo while building a home.

**Kate Kelly Smith** returned to *House Beautiful* headquartered in the beautiful new Hearst 44-story, green tower as VP/Publisher. Kate oversaw the launch of *Women's Health Magazine*. This is her 3<sup>rd</sup> return at *House Beautiful*, this time to redirect the 111-year-old design icon into an all new editorial team. Please everyone subscribe to *House Beautiful*, go to [www.housebeautiful.com](http://www.housebeautiful.com). Daughter Isabel is a rising sophomore at Gettysburg Coll. in PA. Kate looks forward to our next reunion.

**Tricia "Cassidy" Higgins-O'Callaghan** retired from Deputy County Attorney in Westchester, '06. She's Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Ethics (volunteer) and on the Board of Trustees of Westchester Institute for Human Development (a non-profit) that provides services for adults and children with disabilities and their families. This is the only program in the country training medical students how to evaluate, diagnose, and treat autism and is affiliated with the NY Medical Coll. Son Timothy graduated from Holy Cross, starts work at Bank of America in Jul. (NY). Tricia can't believe daughter Katie has been gone 9 years. Katie is remembered annually at a

memorial lacrosse tournament at her h.s. The Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, CT. Tricia and Harold, married 7 years, divide time between Westchester, Hobe Sound FL, and Nantucket, MA. Tricia and still plays tennis and golf, keeps healthy. She sees **Kari Anderson Shipley** in FL, looks forward to next reunion.

**Dede Alexandre LeComte** is well in Greenwich. In fall, Jonathan (20) will head back to Muhlenberg Coll. a junior; daughter Lysi (18) will return to Lafayette a sophomore. Evans (14) will be a freshman at Fairleigh-Dickinson and Nichols will be going to the Kildonan School. Dede works in the garden, takes care of 15 animals (horses, dogs, cats, 1 fish) and runs her "hotel" as family friends cruise through. She's still involved in the Junior League of Greenwich and is Chair of the Board of Trustees of Oldfields School, a girl's boarding school north of Baltimore, MD.

**Marty McClelland** dropped a line before she and partner Deb left for family vacation in Bryson City. Oldest son Paul, wife Cathy, and first grandson Aidan (2/28/07) were coming from Boston to spend the week in the NC Mountains kayaking and hiking. Marty is a professor of Computer Information Systems at NC Central U. She has a National Library of Medicine fellowship for cross training in biomedical informatics, is working on a study of hypertension in African Americans.

**Marshá Taylor Horton** is well. Husband Bobby still works at the Dept. of Natural Resources. Marshá is the Coordinator of Clinical Studies at Wilmington Coll. Marshá consults for the U.S. Dept. of Education when her schedule allows, which gives her a chance to see colleagues from across the country. Kids are growing rapidly. Sam (7) will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in fall. Jasmine ("Jazz," 4) is in Pre-K. A highlight for Marshá, Sandra Taylor '74 [aka "Auntie"], Sam and Jazz came to reunion last year. They had a ball rolling around in the quad and made friends (Sam and Jazz, not Auntie!). Marshá and Sandra returned in 10/06 for Homecoming and the celebration of the completion of *Our Campaign For Her World*. Sandra and Marshá returned again this May to celebrate Nancy Baldwin receiving the Outstanding Alumnae Award. Nancy played a key role for both of Sandra and Marshá in deciding to attend SBC, they just had to be there! Be sure to check photos on the SBC website!

**Ainslie Jones Uhl** will be entering UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Education to complete a 2-year post graduate program in m. s. licensure and literacy. Robert and Ainslie will celebrate their 25th anniversary (13 of those years as a bi-city commuter couple). He's still in

D.C.; she's in Raleigh. Oldest children are sophomores in college: Hart is an International Politics and Arabic language major at Appalachian St., a fabulous musician; Colbern is a Film Studies and French major at Barnard Coll./Columbia in NYC and interns with public television (summer). Daughter Everett is at the Governor's School in dance this summer and will be a junior at Saint Mary's School in fall. She spent a week working in New Orleans clearing out damaged houses. Son Henry will enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade, plays soccer and is an excellent cellist—great kid.

**Christine Carr Dykstra** had a "good and not so good year." Daughter Susan graduated from UNC-Asheville in Environmental Science and Biology. Susan is a naturalist bus driver at Denali National Park, AK, and had an interesting encounter with a bear chasing a moose into her group. Chris broke her femur in Oct. at a site of past radiation, which is not healing. She's still on a cane, looking at a new rod in the leg. While in the hospital, her favorite horse broke his leg. Chris is involved in pony club events, just oversaw the first specialty rating in dressage.

**Laura Lee Best** lives a blessed life in Charlotte, NC. She married a "local boy," and son Stuart graduates next spring from Elon. She's involved in volunteer work in the community and looking after family. Laura sees **Merrin Sweeney Lowe** and **Katy Mikell Cochran**, although not as much as she would like! Laura and Katy picked up Katy's precious daughter Lilly at summer camp. It's a yearly tradition they cherish. Laura keeps up with **Janet Grainger Thompson, Kate Kelly Smith, Treacy Markey Shaw** and **Tricia Cassidy O'Callaghan**. She was in NY last Nov. with friends from Charlotte and saw **Kate Kelly Smith**, great fun!

**Becky Wilson McDonough** and husband Steve live on a farm in Prince George, VA with teenagers Andy and Cady. Becky is the Director of the area Chamber of Commerce. She stays in contact with **Nonie Mickley Daniel, Patricia Neal, Missy Briscoe McNatt, Jody Anderson Wharton**, and recently visited with **Melanie Coyne Cody** who was in the Richmond area visiting her daughter in grad school at VCU.

**Laurie Lenkel** was with us our freshman year. She has enjoyed keeping up. Laurie became a pharmacist, then an attorney. She lives outside D.C. in Chevy Chase, MD, works for the federal government. She would love for her niece, a junior in h.s. to go to SBC. Any hints to entice her?!

**Pam McDonnell Hindsley** has been busy traveling for her girls. Youngest daughter Charlotte graduated Davidson,

5/07 and moved to Charlotte, NC. Oldest daughter Ellie is working as summer associate at Williams Mullen in Richmond before finishing her 3<sup>rd</sup> year at W & L Law. Pam said it seemed like yesterday we were all recent grads and she was enjoying the big city of Houston with **Kit Newman Detering** and **Dede Ryan Ale Payne** and Pam are still in Baltimore. She "retired" and closed family business fall '06. Pam is a community volunteer, just served Baltimore Symphony Decorators Show House 2007 stint as Design Co Chair. She is figuring out her next act, but summer and travel have interrupted the planning process.

**Andie Yellott** is also in Baltimore. Son Benet (17) celebrated his h.s. graduation by letting a bunch of friends give him a mohawk with horse clippers. Andie witnessed the whole incident—highly entertaining. He'll be living at Goucher next year. Even though it's only 10 min. away, she misses him already. He's quite the Renaissance Man, she's proud to say. Andrew (14) begins h.s. next year at Metal Kid Academy (he's home schooled). He attended Day Jams Rock Camp again this summer, will continue at the Baltimore School of Rock for his 2<sup>nd</sup> year this fall, a musician! He's a character and blast to teach. Andie works for the Distance Education Writing Program at Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth where husband Ben works too. She rides her wonderful Irish Cob McBlarney O'Pony accompanied by German Wirehaired Pointer Rollick. Andie says there just aren't enough hours in the day!

**Cynde Seiler Eister**'s daughter Sarah graduated from Randolph-Macon Coll. in Ashland, lives in Richmond and works for the *Richmond Times Dispatch*. Ron Jr. lives and works in Philly. A nice feeling to have 2 children employed! Daughter Laura is a college junior. Cynde and Ron enjoy free time. They took a cruise to 5 islands in the Caribbean and look forward to a trip to Mexico.

**Peyton White Lumpkin** has returned to the practice of law with White & Case in Miami in their corporate finance/real estate department. Husband Tom opened Biscayne Bank 2 years ago, and is chairman of the board. The bank is growing slowly and doing well. Alix (eldest daughter) is clerking in Miami this summer, will graduate from U of FL Levin School of Law in December, son Tommy is a rising junior in a double degree (Wharton business/engineering) program at the U.P.A. She stays in touch with **Candi Casey** and **Amy Troxell Stein**, but not enough!

**Marian Dolan** is very busy with two choral projects; one in Estonia and one at home in Naples, FL. She works for the International Federation

for Choral Music as an artistic director for the "Voices of the Baltics" choral conductors' conference in Tallinn, Estonia this summer. Marian has conducted and lectured on music from this region for 15 years, so it's a thrill to bring this conference together. She started "The Choir Project: Naples Sings" to build stronger community ties by hosting festivals and events for local singers. The kickoff was a concert in early March by Voces Nordicae, one of Sweden's leading professional choirs. In '07-'08 they will have a concert on Mozart's birthday in January, a Women Sing weekend in February, a "Men in Song" in March, and a Caribbean Chorat weekend in April. (If you're curious about her Baltic conference, please view photos and a web-cast at: <http://web.mac.com/madolu/iweb>; or the main conference website: [www.ifcmvoices.net](http://www.ifcmvoices.net)). Her local choir organization can be found at [www.thechoirproject.net](http://www.thechoirproject.net). Marian will update the site upon her return from Estonia and Finland. Stay tuned!

**Kari Andersen Shipley** is one busy lady with volunteer work, travel, and houseguests at the Shipley Hotel, Restaurant, Zoo and Parking Lot in beautiful Delray Beach, FL. Yes, Bill Cosby is correct when he says humans are the only species to allow their children to come back home. Oldest two are graduated from college and living with her (with pets) while working good jobs, trying to save money to buy their own places (not cheap in Palm Beach County). Youngest two are still in college and doing various semesters abroad. Kari's husband is still working hard to pay for all this! Due to injuries, sports have taken a back seat for a while and Kari is painting when not doing volunteer work for different charities and church. She received volunteer of the year award for Palm Beach County given by Bethesda Hospital from five of her charities which she found to be humbling. She hopes more people learn about these various local organizations that help with child care, education, family counseling, domestic violence, drug addiction and health care that affect our needy. She is still helping hurricane victims in Florida and New Orleans with mission trips. **Linda Guardabassi Michael** is arriving soon for a quick visit. In touch with **Cindy Webb**, **Linda Guardabassi**, **Paula Hennessy**, **Vera Thiers**, **Angela Scully**, **Janet Osborne**, and **Kate Carnwath**. Kari is looking forward to the next reunion.

**Jennie Bateson Hamby** sends greetings from FL! She is still a real estate broker and has her own company, Bateson Realty, Inc., (26 years). Her sister Sally Morris works with Jennie, which is fun (because Sally is older

and Jennie is her boss)! Husband, Lou (UVA '76, UVA Law School '79), is still a lawyer in Palm Beach at the same firm, Alley, Maass, Rogers & Lindsay, P.A. (27 years), specializing in real estate and corporate law. Son, Allan, graduated from Case Western Reserve and is entering medical school at the U.FL in August. The Hambys are thrilled that he's coming back to FL after concluding that the four seasons are "highly over-rated"! Jennie filled her empty nest while Allan was in college (and after her beloved Labrador retriever, April, died) with a rescue dog. Everyone advised Lou and Jennie to get a small dog because they are so much easier, but, of course, she wouldn't be a true-blue member of SBC '76 if she did anything normal, right?! (her words, I promise). They rescued a 155 lb. gorgeous Newfoundland named Stanley. Lots of health issues (knee replacement, allergy problems, special diet that needs to be home cooked every 5 days, etc.), but he's worth every penny spent on him (and spend they do)! Stanley has been a great focus for Jennie while she rides out this slow real estate market.

**Karina Schless** is still riding her QH, "Angus" cross country and in pace events...great mellow guy! She just returned from holiday in UK with a "horsey" friend to the Badminton 3-day event. Karina says that it was exciting and that they had great weather. On the job front, she just hit 26th anniversary working at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals...yikes!

**Felice Ludington** works an association management firm, specializing in support services for 900 national non-profits. She loves the job, her co-workers, has no commute! Daughter Leslie has finished her freshman year at the U. San Francisco. Felice experienced the empty nest syndrome so prevalent with our class. She handled the syndrome by remodeling the kitchen, which led to revamping the rest of the condo. She figures it will be done by the time Leslie graduates. Felice is engaged to Peter Lee, a wonderful, smart, handsome (and as the remodel helped her discover, just how patient) man. No date for the wedding set yet!

A big year for **Liz Farmer Jarvis** and the Jarvis family as they all attended their oldest daughter Judy's graduation from Vassar. Daughter Anne completed her first year at the U. DL, a fine arts major (as a former art major Liz is thrilled). Son Alex will be a senior in HS, rocking them from the basement with his band! Liz is writing a photographic history book of the Philadelphia section Mount Airy, husband Andrew is doing well designing hospitals.

**Virginia (Gina Spangler) Polley** and David are adjusting to being empty nesters which permits her to travel

more with David. Gina will be graduating with an MBA in December. The Polleys are planning a family Christmas in Florence, Italy this year. Son Frank loves Georgetown and the D. C. area. Gina is still doing the horse show circuit and loves life!

**Lochranne Coleman Smith** and Mell's daughter just completed her first year at U. Richmond. In Richmond Lochranne caught up with **Norma Nebblett Roadcap**, **Teesie Howell Costello** and **Carrington Brown Wise** for lunch. She hopes to make it an annual event. Lochranne lost her lather in late Nov'05 and her sister Dec. 15, '06. Connie was a senior at Stratford College during our freshman year at SBC and was in an awful car accident. She was in a coma and suffered significant brain damage. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lochranne. She is busy with work, tons of charity work, yard (her passion) and life in general. Mell and Lochranne celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and are growing "old" together!

**Treacy Markey Shaw** has been slightly busy here in Hot 'Lanta. Daughter, Morgan, graduated from Vanderbilt (as member of the Theta Sorority) in Human and Organization Development and Art History. Morgan has been accepted to Richmond's Law School but is planning to defer for one year to pursue other interests. Mark Jr. just completed his freshman year at SMU, is playing on the Lacrosse team and joined the KA fraternity. Clay, the Shaw caboose is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and plays Lacrosse, ALTA tennis and Football. After 22 years with Robinson Humphrey as an investment executive, hubby Mark has just launched a new investment partnership. Treacy entertained 22 members of the family at their lake house in the North Georgia mountains for her mother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. She has taken up painting again and is playing ALTA tennis.

**Lori Neasham Keegan** lives in Portland, OR and is a senior executive for Macy's. Her youngest son just graduated from U.OR and is a project manager for Yahoo. Lori's older son is an agent with William Morris Agency and keeps his mother up to date on the latest scoop in Beverly Hills. She loves her two apricot poodles. Lori has attended and enjoyed several SBC picnics. She stays busy and wonders why life goes by so quickly!

**Teesie Costello Howell** is happy to report that she will be going to her first wedding @ SBC this summer! Paula Kirkland '06 (just thirty years behind us!) works at SBC in Admissions and is getting married in the chapel on August 4th. She is the older sister of Tessies's daughter's best friends. Suzannah will be a junior at Trinity h.s. in the fall, and Jackson will be a sophomore

at the MD Institute Col. of Art. Teesie is still in the mortgage business. She and Chris just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

From VA Beach, **Lisa Nelson**

**Robertson** reports that her life is blessed and boring. Tim and Lisa are the parents of 5. Eldest, Laura was married in Mar. '07. She is a consultant for the Global Fund and is an international producer. Elizabeth, a UVA graduate in my son Clarke's class (06) is working in DC in the Dept. of HHS; Willis is a senior at UVA; Sally is in her second year at Princeton; and Abby is a senior in HS (probably coached by **Sally Old Kitchin's** daughter). Lisa has been teaching women and teen Bible studies for over twenty years. She volunteers in the community, school and church. Lisa continues to play tennis weekly and skis in CO whenever she can get away. **Sally Old Kitchin** and Lisa enjoy tennis and breakfasts from time to time; their youngest children plan to get married. Lisa has invited all of you who responded to my constant pressure for class notes to my house to celebrate our 55th birthdays.

**Melanie Holland Rice** is a real estate super star in VA Beach. She helps buyers and sellers achieve the American dream of home ownership. She has been in Ohio helping her mom through some tough surgery. Son Tripp is an investment banker with Bear Stearns/NY and Carrington is working on her Ph.D. in psychology.

**Kelsey Canday Griffio-Grice** and Chuck loved being at the last reunion, even though they could only be there for a short bit. She has not missed one yet! Daughter McKenzie is at U. Miami, in theatre, and on the Sunsations dance team. Son Parker is a senior in HS and wants to major in engineering. Kelsey is on the great college tour, once again. She reports that they are still living in VA Beach; she is back to tennis after being sidelined with injury for 2 years, focused on rehab and her job as the president of PTA at a local HS. They are on the water whenever possible in Chuck's 40 foot dead rise Tern, which hails from Key West. She recently ran into **Lisa Brundage Shapiro** in Nordstrom's.

**Catherine Adams Goshorn** lives in The Plains, VA. She is working with her friend Christine Fox in her store and having fun. Christine and Catherine were headed to Vero Beach to enjoy about twelve days of relaxing, tennis and beach time. Son Preston is back in The Plains after 2 years in Tucson. Daughter Sally is in Colorado Springs & has 2 children: Jonathon, 3 & Samantha, 1 1/2. Catherine is planning a trip to visit the grandchildren. Her darling mother is fine. Catherine is in the process of becoming single again—will take her maiden name

back when all is said & done.

**Hilda Dent**'s son Horace will be starting his freshman year at Yale this fall. She is planning to drive him to New Haven from Montgomery. McCormick, 15 is living with their father. This fall will be the first time in around 30 years that some man or another has not been living in her house! She plans to work on her own house, travel and take on more interesting projects through her business, Old House Specialists.

**Marilyn (Mare) Moran Goerler** lost her dad to cancer last Jun., but celebrated his life visiting their closest friends with son Chris (11). San Diego, Savannah, and a fabulous trip to the Turks & Caicos where they rented a villa on the beach! Mare's job as Marketing Communications Manager for Benchmark Education Company keeps her busy. She writes and designs their websites and all their promotional materials!

**Debbie Mutch Olander** has had a busy year on the academic front. She was awarded the first-ever Orpheus Scholar award from the Col. of Music at FSU. As a result of the award, she had the opportunity to conduct dissertation in Vienna (twice) and Paris. In Paris, she spent lots of time with her Junior Year in France family and felt as though she had never left. It was a wonderful time! After seven years of teaching Freshman Writing, Debbie has decided to stop teaching in the English Department. She intends to get a "real" job and get off the ramen noodles, finish her dissertation, and become a real person again. Debbie has been looking for a job since the semester ended. She has not been in the job market in so many years, it is a frustrating experience.

I, **Anne Kiley Krenshaw**, love being at home in VA Beach, practicing law in the VA Beach office of Kaufman & Canoles. My oldest son graduated from UVA and is working for a real estate developer. Son Gordon graduated from Woodberry Forest School and is on his way to UVA. Clarke and I do not know what we will do without 3 seasons of prep school sports to follow!

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We missed you all at reunion this year! Our turnout was extremely small—I will report more on the reunion in the next class notes. Please e-mail me at the above address—I am now sending out requests for news by email and we don't have everyone's current e-mail address.

**Becky Mayer Gutierrez** is teaching 4th grade, going into her 12<sup>th</sup> year. I love teaching, hate the paperwork and state regulations, but am trying to cope. George (23) is getting married Jul. '08, happy with fiancee; Anthony (20) is enjoying life a lot; Michael just finished his sophomore year in h. s., having a great time. Life is good, no complaints. [I] try to look at the positive side and follow the golden rule."

**Elvira Cash Pecora** says her husband Chip just started a new job with NY Life. He sells life insurance, long term health insurance, annuities, and is enjoying not hopping on a plane to get to his appointments. Greg (21) will return to Denison U. in Ohio to complete his college career as history major / English minor. He is active on the soccer team, works in the admissions office. He just returned from 3 weeks in England for a Shakespeare course. H.S. graduate Kent (18) will enter Dickinson College in PA, in the fall to study physics and math. He will join the cross-country and track team and will also keep an eye on soccer. Elvira has just completed a Birth-Kindergarten Licensure to add onto Montessori credentials and is now certified for K-6th grade. As always they are happy to welcome the weary traveler to their home in Chapel Hill, N.C.

**Peggy Haley Sheehan** says, "It was rather busy here with many events surrounding the graduation of our first, Mary Helen. Considered seriously SBC, but alas, U. Richmond won. My husband Chris and I are planning our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the CD mountains reuniting friends and family. He's working hard at his new investment business in energy. After 20+ years in the business he's branching out on his own. I had a good phone call with Marianne Hutton Felch. Of our next 3, Juliana is continuing our French connection on a summer program with the Experiment in International Living, while we host the great grand daughter of the woman I stayed with while I was in Paris. What a wonderful string of friendships. Our Catherine (12) is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, continuing at the same grade school with Christopher (11) and entering middle school right behind her.

Soccer, lacrosse, horses and music fill our lives; a good thing, as we will miss our oldest terribly. After all the family activities, I add a few other interests in a French club and help at our church and the children's schools in the classroom, and in the library. Now with a daughter in VA, perhaps we will find a way to find some old SBC friends. I'm looking forward to seeing the VA branch of our family in Richmond and many others in the DC area. I love reading the news even if we can't seem to get to reunions."

**Kristi Karpinski Mutschelknaus:**

"The big news at our house is our son's wedding to another Sweet Briar grad. Joe, (UVA class of 04), married Kerry Keins '04 on Jun. 9, 07. They have known each other since 1st grade, but reconnected at Foxfields their jr. year in college. The wedding ceremony was held at St. John Neumann Church in Reston and the reception at River Creek County Club. They reside in Fairfax. Joe's godmother, **Cheryl Lennon Gibson** and her husband, Chase, attended the wedding. Cheryl looks as young as she did in college. Our daughter, Anne, is a rising sophomore at JMU, planning to become an elem. s. teacher. Brad and I love having her home for the summer!"

**Helen Milner Gordon:** "I have always wanted to come to a reunion but either my kids were studying for exams or graduating. This year my middle son who works in Jackson Hole came home April 10 to May 20<sup>th</sup>. I hated to leave while he was home. I have another son in LA and my youngest will be 21 July 23<sup>rd</sup> and a junior at U.GA. Presently he is in Europe getting ready to start the Innsbruck program through the U. New Orleans."

**Frances Redmond Malone:** "Saw several alums at the Virginia Hound Show over Memorial Day (**Bev Crispin Heffernan** and **Sherry Buttrick**) and also chatted with Paul Cronin for the first time in years. Was hoping to get him to put the SBC squeeze on my niece (16) but she was too busy fooling with hounds to talk. Still in business with my sister, Lucile Flournoy '82; we have a custom framing business which has me working hard but has been very rewarding. With my equine artist husband, Booth Malone, went to last fall's Breeder's Cup where he was the official artist and then to the Derby this spring so I got my horseracing fix for the year. Have been catching up with **Vera Blake** via email which has been fun."

And I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, have had lots of changes in the past year: Pete and I moved to a 55+ rental apartment community (Gainesville VA), had an estate sale and sold 90% of our things, then sold our house. I'm still working full time at George Mason in Fairfax, VA but my husband is retired. We never had kids, but have 2 cats, 2 nieces, 2 nephews

and a great-niece and great-nephew. In Feb we attended the wedding of **Ebet Little Stevens'** daughter Liz and had a wonderful time catching up with Ebet and Bob, **Debbie Koss McCarthy** and David and also seeing Ainslie Jones Uhl '76 and Robert. In May we went to the SBC 30 yr. Reunion and had a great time, despite our class's very small turnout. My interests have moved to decoupage, genealogy and all aspects of the spiritual/metaphysical.

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Hello Classmates, Hopefully by the time you read these notes in the fall issue, you will have responded to our prodding by providing us with a raft of reading for the winter issue. The following news from Catherine and Donna will carry us until then.

**Catherine Taylor Moore** finds it hard to believe that her family has lived in Blowing Rock, NC for 4 years. "Time is really flying by." Husband Bob started up a bank, Mt. First, with a new location slated to open in Jul. Last Sept, **Betsy Ryan Glenn** hosted Catherine, **Liz Day Dalrymple** and **Eve Jackson London** at Sea Island celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Catherine remarks, "It was wonderful catching up with them." Son Lee is a rising senior looking at colleges. Daughter Aynsley is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and enjoys dance, horseback riding and life. Catherine is starting a new business fabricating window treatments for local decorators.

**Donna Mihalik J. G. Lee** reports, "It's been a busy year." Her poetry reading, sponsored by the Greek-American Writers' Association, at the Cornelia Street Café in New York City was standing room only. In '06 Donna judged the "2006 Gival Press Poetry Award." In September she will participate in the Brooklyn Book Festival. This fall Donna will be a featured reader at the U. Illinois (Ulli Union Bookstore), Urbana-Champaign. Donna would love for classmates to visit her new website (<http://www.donnajigelagotislee.com>) and drop her a note.

Donna's book, *On the Altar of Greece*, winner of the Seventh Annual Gival Press

Poetry Award, received a 2007 Eric Hotter Book Award: Notable for Art Category: <http://hopepubs.home.comcast.net/BNW-mini.pdf> (commentary on pgs. 15-16); <http://www.hottaward.com/>. An article about *On the Altar of Greece* appeared in the Jersey Ink column "Poets explore Greece and inner feelings," by Patricia C. Turner, the Star-Ledger (NJ) newspaper. Donna's poems "Horse Auction" and "How Things Are" will appear in the fall fashion issue of Descant (Canada; <http://www.descant.ca/about.html>). Donna has two poems, "Control" and "The New Filly," forthcoming in the anthology *Cadence of Hooves: A Celebration of Horses* (Yarrow Mountain Press: <http://www.yarrowmountainpress.com/projects/cadence.php>) and "From the 21st Floor" will appear in Crab Orchard Review's issue *Come Together—Occurrences, Ceremonies, and Celebrations*. A selection of Donna's poems also appears in The Arabesques Review: Contemporary Women's Literature International Anthology, WOMEN: The Quiet Revolution (<http://www.arabesquespress.org/journal>).

## 1979

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*NOTE from your Class Notes Editor: Dear Class of 1979, I would like to apologize for any notes that were not posted in the previous issue of the magazine. If the notes below are outdated, please remember to submit your latest news to Graham for the winter issue. I always enjoy reading Class Notes, and will do my best in the future to print all of your submissions in a timely manner. Thank you for writing!*

Short or long, I'm grateful for your responses, hopefully reading these notes will prompt many of you to write more! Some of you are total duds and you know who you are J, J, H, M, and L. Almost all the notes were filled with 50<sup>th</sup> birthday wishes to our classmates and a desire to see more of each beyond Reunion Weekend. And for those of you who aren't yet 50 or have passed that milestone—birthday wishes regardless!

**Katie Ewald Adams** writes from Dorset, VT (also the home of **Kelli McBride Hudson**) that she and boyfriend Chris finished the pilot for TV show "A Horseman's Video Journal" about life with horses, horse care, horse owners, and favorite breeds, "visual poetry of horses we've visited from all over the country;" [www.horsemansvideojournal.com](http://www.horsemansvideojournal.com). She

has a blog for those of you who want to show off your horses online! Katie and Kelli find time to slip away from the kids to down margheritas at the local Mexican bar. She and others are in touch with **Joanie Dearborn Choremie**.

Baltimore brings news of **Corby Hancock Pine** whose marriage to Jonathan Pine (W&L '79) continues to thrive—their children Jonny (13) and Lauren (9) keep her busy. She is finishing her 8th year of teaching at Towson U. and sees **Hannah Craighill Morehead** quite often.

**Robin Boehm** and her partner Wendy continue to enjoy life in San Diego with their German Shepard, except for the record wind which, at this writing, popped out their skylights leaving the poor dog cowering under the banana trees. Robin recently hung up her project consulting career, now works in real estate and business investments. She currently presides over the San Diego SBC Alumnae Club and enjoys serving as board member for the Big Sister League. Robin's notes included a request for us, her classmates, particularly the class athletes, to consider an organized class gift to the long awaited, future Athletic Facility. She writes: "Depending on the amount we can raise, we can dedicate some piece of the facility to the Fine Class of '79. Since '79's class notes sit between the notes for classes '77-'81, here's the opportunity to challenge those classes for some Athletic Facility real estate! Whose class plaque will proudly display at the racquet courts, or the basketball court, or the locker room, or the equipment closets??? RALLY!" Interested, '79? Any class challenges, '77-'81?? Contact her at: [robehm@cox.net](mailto:robehm@cox.net).

**Connor Kelly** moved to New Zealand from Italy 4 years ago. Having lived away from the states for 12 years she and husband Steve consider themselves expats. Her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday plans call for dance and music, either as a ritual or performance. Connor works part time at the Hospice as the Day Stay Coordinator. She also has a small dance/movement therapy practice, remains a La Leche League Leader and is also a consumer representative with the midwifery review group. She says it's exciting to live in a country where midwifery care is the standard practice for pregnant women. Connor's son Patrick (14) plays violin in Taranaki Youth Orchestra and won "swimmer of the year" at his swim club. Teague (10) is in his last year of primary school and does judo and plays keyboard. Steve works at the child & adolescent mental health service in the hospital and also does some private work incl. teaching play therapy. Connor invites anyone who

is ever in New Zealand to stop by for a visit

**Susan Andrews Cruess** writes from Calgary, Alberta that her boys are growing up quickly and are now taller than their parents. Jim (21) is a junior at McGill U. Montreal, studying economics and comparative religions, loves to ski and participates in lots of intramural sports. flag football, soccer, ultimate Frisbee and basketball. Jim is thinking about going to law school after he graduates in '08. Andrew (18) graduated from Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School in Jun. He plays drums and his band practices at Susan's house every Sat.—luckily they are pretty good because the china rattles in the cabinets upstairs when they play! He is also a rugby player; his school team toured New Zealand last spring and then went on to win the silver medal at the Provincial Championships in Jun. Andrew will go to the U.Alberta in the fall for anthropology. Husband Leigh is Senior Vice President, International for Enbridge Inc. His company has operations in Colombia, Spain, and Denmark. He also has staff in Houston, Toronto and Edmonton—their frequent flyer miles are adding up! Susan was able to accompany Leigh to a board meeting in Muscat, Oman in Feb. She is still busy with volunteer work and served as co-chair of the uniform store at her son's school until he graduated. They are 90 min. from Banff, so call her if you ever come out west for some skiing. Susan is also a member of the Junior League of Calgary and is serving as Community Vice President this year but has time to go to her in-laws' cottage in Ontario for three weeks every summer.

**Susan Anthony Lineberry** is the mother of men! Cole (23) is out in the working world, Mark, Patrick (20), and Kevin (19) are in college. Neal and Susan traveled to Europe in May with VA Intermont Coll. where Mark is a junior, visiting 5 countries in 21 days and is madly working on shedding pounds to keep up with college kids. Susan continues to manage special events, tournaments and promotions for the City of Newport News, VA. She recently served on a "Sports Related Careers" panel at SBC and noted that it was great to be back there even if she was the oldest on the panel!

**Mary "Robbie" McBride Bingham**, of Albuquerque, NM: "I have gone back to school this past year (Coll. of Santa Fe) to pick up units to become a teacher in NM. I also was diagnosed with breast cancer about the same time. I finished my chemo on May 30th of this year. I finished my teacher credits and am looking for a job. My family has been very supportive and I am keeping a sense of humor about it."

**Becky Truelove Symons** writes

that Don is still busy in the banking world and that Sally is a freshman at UNC-CH, Elizabeth is a junior at Forsyth Country Day School and Anne is in 8th grade there. Life with 3 teenage girls... By the beginning of Apr. Becky traveled to Atlanta, D.C. and Ft. Lauderdale in less than 4 wks time: school assignments and swim meets. She has mastered IM and text message as major forms of communication!

**Betsy Byrne Utterback** and family moved back to PA in '03 and spend May-Oct. at their home in New Hampshire on Lake Winnipesaukee. James (25) attends Syracuse grad school for architecture, Chris graduates this year and Jen is a junior at VT. Jim is always traveling for work and Betsy has tagged along on some great trips. She continues to work as an interior designer in New Hope. They are off to Jim's 30th at W&L in May and heading to the Galapagos and Quito in Jun. on a service trip w/Surgicorp (plastic surgeons who donate time to help patients with disfiguring injuries, etc.). Her biggest fear is fainting in the OR and becoming a patient herself!

**Judy Williams Carpenter** writes from Richmond that son Hunter will be graduating from UVA in May, believes his job search is conducted by Ouija Board (as far as she can tell). Daughter Melinda will be a senior at St. Catherine's, soon road-tripping to look at colleges. Judy continues to enjoy her work at St. Catherine's, where she has been for 17 years this Aug.; still living close by in the same house and pulling the same weeds in the yard! Judy corresponds with **Lisa Hagan Kliefeth** regularly and always enjoys seeing Christmas cards featuring the families of **Page Breakell Beeler** and **Susan Anthony Lineberry**. Judy's mom (SBC '40) was fortunate to have survived being hit by a car while walking 4 days shy of her 88th birthday in Nov.—she is truly remarkable! Judy's family will celebrate her parents' 65th wedding anniversary in Jun. and her father's 90th birthday in Oct. Both of her parent's are in great health!

Despite living a short block from **Judy Williams Carpenter, Bitsy Hester** writes that she hardly sees her except to wave! She's a little behind the rest of us getting children through school, but making progress. Daughter Ginnie (5) graduated from St. Stephen's Preschool in May; she'll start Kindergarten at St. Catherine's this fall. Bitsy is still practicing law in the Richmond office of Troutman Sanders LLP and just finished a 2 year term as Chair of the Business Law Section of the Virginia Bar Association, as well as a 7 year term on the Board of St. Stephen's Preschool. She is fortunate to have her parents in Richmond, and Ginnie enjoys being the only "in town"

grandchild. Her mother (Pic Payne Hester '59) bails her out on a regular basis, but is careful to avoid interfering with her SBC "book club", which she enjoys. Bitsy tries to keep up with **Susan Andrews Cruess** and **Jeanette Rowe Cadwallender** and enjoys occasional emails, phone conversations and visits with them. She and Ginny also look forward to seeing her mother's classmate Courtney Gibson Pelley and husband Herb every summer when they vacation at Emerald Isle, NC.

**Vicki Wingate Wilkes** and husband Craig adopted daughter Susannah Kate from Russia in April '06 at 11 mos.! She states: "No, we are not crazy" ...she's a blonde-haired, blue-eyed "doll baby" and very healthy. Their biological son George (4) has been dethroned and alternates between loving her to death and saying he is going to throw her in the trashcan! They remain in Columbia, SC, and Craig is an associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church, where they were married 6 years ago. Vicki retired from state government in Jun. after working a part-time schedule since George's birth. Vicki's mom, who has been a very able nanny, is happy with this news! They look forward to celebrating Virginia's 400<sup>th</sup> with an extended trip later this summer...sure to stop by SBC and Charlottesville en route to Jamestown!

**Pam Ramsdell Mitchell** writes of her family in Maine where they were awaiting more snow: Elspeth (23), graduated from Williams Coll. last June, is now living in San Francisco working for an attorney. Barclay (20) is a sophomore at St. Lawrence. Tucker(17) is a junior in h.s. and Carson (13) is in 7th grade. John and Pam celebrated their 24th anniversary in Apr.! Pam sleeps well at night as a result of being a kindergarten teacher and also because she's just become a member of the "big 50 club"!

**Ashley Wilson Brook**'s e-mail arrived just after her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday noting that she and husband David are fine; she has just taken up knitting—churning out lots of scarves! Ashley continues to teach 2 year-olds 4 days/wk at St. Michael's Parish Day School where she has been for 10 years. Afternoons are spent on the usual—carpool, orthodontist appointments, tutor sessions, and general running around. Ashley writes of her children: "My daughter (14) is wise beyond her years, will attend h.s. next year. She enjoys writing, movies, reading, and many friends. She is also a shopper. She studies German and must be channeling David's maternal great-grandmother; she is brilliant at it. Sterrett (11) makes great strides in school. He is my precious, handsome Asperger's boy. His social skills are better with adults than peers and he asks why he is different all

the time, but is healthy, happy, humorous, and playing the violin now. He will be in the 5th grade next year."

In October, **Lynn Westine** and her 2 daughters successfully completed the Marine Corps Marathon; 4 hours for the girls—a little longer for Lynn but she finished! She and George are almost done educating their children: Nicole is graduating from NYU Law School; Jen is graduating from Northwestern U. and Taylor, George's daughter, is graduating from Tufts. Skip finally got a job working up in the Senate, after graduating from Wake Forest and serving a year doing mission work in Morocco. That leaves just one in college—Will graduates in Dec. from Belmont. Yikes—5 in college/grad school for several years ... that's a challenge. With all the kids out of the house, Lynn has been able to work on expanding her business—a small company that provides Professional Engineering Services to the government. In addition, she's been working with a friend to begin putting in a 'public telephone-equivalent' in small villages in southern Africa. Lynn recently had a spa vacation with **Dini Cecil Pickering** and reports that she and her family are doing well.

**Amiee Kass** reports that she is working for a law firm that specializes in estate planning and federal tax controversies, as well as maintaining her private practice where she offers pro bono services in a variety of areas.

**Day Dodson** has had a busy 15 mos. incl. moving 3 times and getting divorced, but happily reports that her girls are great—Katherine's a junior at Elon, Elizabeth is a freshman at UNC Wilmington, and Mary's about to be driving (legally)! Bouncing back from divorce, Day bought a condo in Arlington, VA with a great view, adopted a dog and is making her place feel like home. After 7 years as a youth minister, she is taking a break from lock-ins and joining the staff at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, consulting with parishes and dioceses about their programs for children and youth. She is also running a grant-making foundation of the Episcopal Church and enjoys giving away money. She would love to reconnect with others in the DC/Northern VA area.

**Sally Ann Sells** sure brought back some old memories with her reminiscing about SBC days...a Spinners, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes ("the love I lost") or Barry White tune on the '70's (oldies!) radio station coupled with a clear blue sky and 70 °—spring weekend parties at the boathouse, or that Quonset hut by the stream near W&L where they hosted blue grass music/beer parties on spring weekends... back to reality—2 parents (yes, married parents), 2 healthy

children, 2 dogs and 2 beta fish. Bill and Sally Ann have been married 17 years and have lived in Fox Chapel (a suburb of Pittsburgh) their entire married life. Daughter Holly, (8<sup>th</sup> grade) loves skiing, lacrosse and paddle tennis, Will (6<sup>th</sup> grade) can't get enough ice hockey in his blood. They attend a month long summer camp in NC every summer which gives Sally Ann and Bill a chance to purge all the clutter in the house, travel and play lots of golf! Bill works for an institutional investment consulting firm (Wilshire Associates), Sally Ann works for Mellon Financial and in her spare time volunteers as board member of the local chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and volunteers for their church. Mellon Financial is the same company for which she moved to Pittsburgh the day she graduated from SBC. She writes: "When I moved here, I thought I'd stay in Pittsburgh for one year and then return to Philadelphia but, one year has turned into 28 years and I've never looked back. How fortuitous that **Blythe Steere Bailey** was in our graduating SBC class. Had this not been the case, I don't think SBC would have found its way onto Mellon's recruiting radar screen. So Blythe or Mr. Steere, if you're reading this note, thank you!" She catches up with **Betsy Byrne Utterback** and **Julie Muchmore Cooney** through Christmas mail.

**Karen Jaffa McGoldrick** is still running her Dressage training and teaching business. She has a gorgeous and talented young Hanoverian mare that she is most excited about. Lawrence is very patient still with all the horse craziness, but they are actually taking two weeks off together to vacation in England in the fall. Anyone who is interested in Karen's horse business can check out her website: [www.phfdressage.com](http://www.phfdressage.com). Karen writes: "Mr. Cronin would be pleased to know that I am riding some nice Jumpers and Hunters for my next door neighbor. One of the Jumpers has been showing in FL with his friend Joe Fargis. Karen has started taking some jumping lessons again with her young Dressage horse, just for fun. Twice a month she helps old roommate **Prue Saunders Pitcock** with her young Dutch warm-blood "Color Wheel" (he is a paint!). She plans to do some shows with Karen this year. Prue has a son graduating from h.s. this year.

**Deborah Parker Gibbs** says her children are growing up fast; daughter Elisa is a junior at W&L—didn't consider SBC but is in Rome for the semester, having a grand time and quite a reprieve from Academia...son Parker a senior in h.s., looking at colleges. He and his dad will be in VA next week looking at Randolph-Macon (the one in Ashland, VA), Roanoke Coll., and Lynchburg Coll..

Her youngest Martha (16) is a sophomore with a limitless social agenda, in fierce competition with her older sister. Deborah is divorced BUT is dating her ex, and traveled with him and their younger 2 children to Italy over Easter to visit their oldest. She's still practicing law, busier than ever, with a practice that somehow evolved to family law (=divorce law). Baton Rouge is still a great place to be.

**Cathy Calleo Staples** sends news that she is still teaching part-time in the Honors program at Villanova U. and writing poetry (she has new poems in /Michigan Quarterly/, more forthcoming at /Prairie Schooner/.) Cathy and her husband Jim live in Devon, PA, and have 3 children: Claire, a sophomore at Wesleyan, studying art and Chinese, hoping to study in China this summer or next. Natalie is a freshman in h.s., loves school, friends, and all things 4-legged. This year she had her first season of foxhunting on pony "Cinnamon Twist." She and "cuz" Paul Cronin are especially close. Kevin is in 6th grade, loves history, his buddies, and all forms of bouncing balls, esp. soccer & tennis (two sports his Dad loves as well). Kevin also likes to ride Cinnamon—they did a pony club triathlon last year.

As for me, **Graham Maxwell Russell** there is a wicked rumor circulating that I've remarried. It's just a rumor—I continue to be happily ensconced in a 13 year relationship with the love of my life. I am in year 19 of working at the Norton Museum of Art as the Associate Director of Advancement and Ira and I are enjoying our empty nesting! Alexander (24) is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher at the Pine School in Stuart, FL who still comes home to do his laundry and Max (21) is back at Duke after spending the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of his jr. year in Rome. We were all there for Thanksgiving which was great fun and spent Christmas in Las Vegas which was a belated 21<sup>st</sup> birthday for both the boys! Speaking of Italy, I see a great deal of **Laura Evans** who continues to split her time between Palm Beach and Umbria. She lives in a magnificent house overlooking the Umbrian hills but has an equally spectacular house a few miles away that is available for rent or sale! You can find it at [www.casalavecchia.com](http://www.casalavecchia.com). Ira and I are off to Greece and Turkey this summer for some much needed R & R after a very long Palm Beach season. It's a joy hearing your news and please keep me in your contacts so I can be updated on all your comings and goings. If you have information on our classmates that wasn't sent in by them, please prod them to do so for the next issue—or submit it yourself!

## 1980

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Hello from Annapolis!

**Nan Dabbs Loftin** spent a weekend in Savannah with **May Carter Barger, Jane Terry** and **Allison Roberts Greene**. They had a great time touring around but spent most of the time talking and finding out how Jane likes being a newly-wed. She married Bill Fealey in Apr, all is "wedded bliss," is living in Florence, SC. Nan also writes "As for me my daughter, Martha graduated from SBC in May with a degree in Art History and a certificate in Arts Management. She is now job hunting and hoping to move to DC. Any ideas let us know. Will just graduated from h.s. and is going to Limestone Coll. in the fall. We are really proud of both of them. New stages in our lives and theirs. Bill and I keep on working, but had a fun trip to Africa in Feb."

**Caroline Hawk Sparrow** is living in Birmingham, AL and sees a lot of **Laura Coleman Proctor** in Birmingham and **Virginia Donald Latham**, who lives in Atlanta. Caroline writes: "Virginia and I and our respective spouses met up with **Nancy Webb Corkery** this past Nov. to visit Laura Evans '79 at her beautiful villa in the countryside outside Rome, Italy." Caroline called it a fabulous mini-reunion that they all plan to repeat this Sept. when they go back to celebrate Laura's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Whitley Greene** is living north of Atlanta in Duluth, GA. She finished her 5<sup>th</sup> post-college degree in Jul. Whitley writes, "I am a personal/professional coach drawing on my years of counseling, coaching, education, and business. I will return as h.s. counselor this year and pursue private and public schools in 08-09 as an assistant principal probably at the elem. level." You can view her private coaching practice website at [www.whitleygreen.com](http://www.whitleygreen.com). Whitley coached the h.s. swim team last year and the girls' team took 4th in the state of GA. She will be swimming a 7.25-kilometer race around the Bermuda Sound in Oct. Lastly, Whitley says that she is "STILL single, God Bless the Spinster :o)."

**Sigrid Carlen Veasey** is a Tenured Associate Professor of Medicine, U.

Pennsylvania School of Med. She has lectured in India, Iceland, Finland, Germany, and Canada. Some of the honors and awards that Sigrid has received are: NIH Clinical Investigator Award; NIH Biological Rhythms Study Section Membership; NIH Sleep Academic Award; Circadian Rhythms Section Investigator Award.

**Helen Masters Durham** lives in Rochester, MI and writes: "I am working as the Manager in charge of Ticket Operations and Customer Services at the Mayo Civic Center in addition to Event Planning. The job is great and I love working with the promoters and meeting the talent. My oldest Arch is living and working in NYC, Ann Husted is following her dream and majoring in Dance at UNC-Greensboro, and "baby" Rob is now a senior, loves soccer and looking at VMI maybe for next year. Buck is great and working too hard as usual at the Mayo Clinic."

Things are quiet in Annapolis. John, Mary (13), Elizabeth (10) and I, **Claire McDonnell Purnell**, are taking family golf lessons in Baltimore. The girls have good swings and I am happy when the ball goes in the air instead of bouncing along the fairway. We are going to Saranac Lake, NY for a week. So relaxing.

The next deadline for notes is Nov. 1. I will be sending an email in Oct. to classmates asking for news, but **I do not have everyone's email address**. If you have not received emails from me asking for news, please contact me. If you do not use email, call me at 410-267-9433. Take care and please write to me with your news. *Claire*.

## 1982

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As the new Madame Secretary I have big shoes to fill as the former Madame Secretary, **Ethel Burwell Dowling** has done an exemplary job the last 5 years. I was thrilled to hear from many of you and hope that you will continue to share your news with our fellow classmates.

The first classmate to write with news was **Debbie Price Bowman**. Thank you for your prompt reply! Debbie confirms that it is possible to return to the working world after 5 years of "working without pay" as a stay at home mother. For the last year Debbie has worked in marketing at Third Avenue Management in New York, a money management firm. Debbie's 3-day a week schedule allows her to maintain the right balance, which she admits, can be difficult at times.

Daughter Kate completed 5th grade and is off to junior high, while son Kessler graduated from kindergarten this year. Husband Jeffrey travels quite a bit in his position while building up the ever coveted frequent flier mileage.

**Leslie Hertz Firestone** has been busy the last few years building a new home and pool in San Antonio, TX. Leslie was sorry to have missed our 25<sup>th</sup> year reunion as the family attended the head stone dedication for her father in Cleveland, OH who passed away last Apr. She and husband Bob became grand parents for the second time, granddaughter Olivia was born in Vienna, Austria, as was her big brother, Sam. Leslie writes that DJ Stanhope '81 was a weekend houseguest last year while in town for business. DJ is the Executive Director of USO and attended the class of 1982 reunion in May. Leslie also keeps in touch with **Liz Kaufman** who moved to TX last year.

**Liz Kauffman** lives and works in Del Rio, according to Leslie a suburb of San Antonio.

**Gail Mickley Murthy** writes from Fort Worth, TX. She and her husband have their own business consulting with aviation-related entities. Gail also is finishing their weekend cottage at Lake Weatherford. Dogs Ponder, a black lab-like, Tiki, a Boykin Spaniel, and Jackson, a newly retired American Fox hound, along with Jamaica Bet, a thoroughbred horse, keep Gail busy. Gail attended the Virginia Hound Show and MFHA Centennial in Leesburg over Memorial Day weekend. Their hunt (Brazos Valley) performed well in both shows.

College shopping already started for **Heather Pirnie Albert** and her youngest child with 3 prospective schools visited in one week! A road warrior, Heather spent the month of June traveling for HR Block to Tampa, FL and Kansas City, MO. Fortunately Heather will be spending a few days of much needed R&R in Los Cabos, Mexico, a trip awarded by HR Block for her outstanding performance.

**Monika E. Kaiser** writes from Coral Springs, FL. Monika and family got a jump-start on their summer vacation in May, wasting no time they headed straight for the beach for much needed relaxation. The family plans to visit PA, NY, and MA along with visits to universities for daughter Alexa who will graduate next spring. Monika will also visit Sophie Despres-Whitehouse in Boston. Sophie was an exchange student during our senior year. In addition to traveling, Monika assists her daughter's drama class, with advertising, public relations, wardrobe and even sewing! If she can find time, Monika will also do some minor home improvements.

Much fun was had at the 25th Reunion by our fearless president **Lele Frenzel Casalini**. Lele cannot wait for our 30th reunion; in the meantime life on the family farm has been quite busy. Son Eli completed his first year of pre-med at Indiana St. with flying colors. Daughter Liza graduated from Brebeuf Jesuit High School in May and will head to U. Indianapolis to study psychology, while Sophie finished her freshman year also at Brebeuf. Lele and Sophie will travel to Africa in Jul. to do charity work with a mission, working in 5 different homes for displaced and orphaned children. A 5-day safari in Kenya will follow along with an overnight stay in Dubai.

**Lee Watson Lombardy** enjoyed visiting the college and seeing everyone at the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion—she plans to come back for our 30th. Lee is frequently on the road with daughter Georgia (10) who performs in Irish dance competitions. Dance performances have taken the family to Ft. Lauderdale and NJ, in August they will travel to Savannah, GA for a competition. A stage mom for 3 years now, Lee has become an Irish dance expert—she and husband Warren are Georgia's biggest fans.

**Mary Ames Booker Sheret** writes from Wilmington, NC, where she is a curator on the Battleship "North Carolina," a restored WWII historic ship. Her work includes interpretation, exhibits and education programs. If any classmates pass through Wilmington, Mary Ames would be delighted to conduct a personal tour. She can be contacted at: *curator@battlechipnc.com*. Mary Ames also manages the website for her Episcopalian church and encourages her husband on his global, solo bicycle journey to raise awareness for landmine victims. See [www.abilitytrek.org](http://www.abilitytrek.org) for details. They will meet in Vancouver, BC, in August for a brief vacation and she also finds time to visit Wilmington's local beaches and enjoys getting together with other local SBC alumnae. While in Washington, DC, conducting research, Mary Ames spent an evening with fellow SBC roommate **Patti Borda Snodgrass** and family.

**Martha Tisdale Cordell** embraces her newest challenge in Tulsa, OK where she has been recently appointed Dean of Admissions at the U. Tulsa Coll. of Law. Martha previously served as Dean of Compliance and Dean of Students. She and husband David celebrated 22 years of marriage and are busy with son Ryan (15.5) and daughter Mary Louise (13). Martha now knows the meaning of "sandwich" generation, relocating her parents to Tulsa to care for them; her life is filled with teenagers and geriatrics. This year she and the family have traveled to Ireland, Belize, China, and Japan. She also plans a Jul. shopping and theater

getaway to NYC with Mary Louise while the boys go on a fishing trip.

**Janet Goss** writes from Bethesda, MD where she is a partner with GMMB, a progressive issues communications agency. Husband Sanford, a performer, sings and plays guitar in clubs throughout the DC area. Janet's family includes a daughter (11), a son (8) and a golden retriever (2). This summer they are headed to Fishers Island, where they go every summer to reconnect with family and friends.

The art and music scene in hometown Athens, GA is still enjoyed by **Ruth Fowler Bauerle** and family. Recently she, husband Jack and their 2 sons John (15) and Magill (9) traveled to Beijing, China to preview the 2008 Olympic game venues. Jack is the head coach for the US women's swim team. When not traveling, Ruth enjoys weekends at the family farm where she grows organic produce and invites anyone to look her up if in the area. She also visits **Lee Wolverton's** mother yearly in Pont Vedre, FL.

**Polk Green** wrote that she had "no real news" to report. Polk looked great and enjoyed herself at the Saturday evening festivities at the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. We look forward to seeing Polk at the 30<sup>th</sup> reunion and for more than just one evening!

While at the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion, **Nancy Daugherty Davidson, Molly Finney Grenn** and **Valerie Youree** made plans to get together. Nancy, Valerie, Molly and her daughter Grace (2 1/2) enjoyed a recent afternoon outdoors horseback riding in the VA countryside. The 3 have enjoyed getting together over the summer.

**Jane R. Dure** relaxed after the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion in Mazatlan, Mexico referring to the vacation as her "last hurrah" before starting law school at St. Mary's in San Antonio, TX in the fall. She is contemplating environmental or immigration law. Jane has been managing the family ranch and working farm, two years ago she started a herd of natural, grass-fed cattle. The experience has been invaluable and Jane has become an expert in farming, subsidies, and dependence on foreign sources for food.

After attending the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion with her daughter Mary Whitney (16), **Marie Engel Earnhart** and daughter vacationed in Italy where they visited Venice, Rome, Tuscany and the Amalfi coast.

**Brianna Boswell Browne** was sorry to have missed the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. She has been very busy teaching pre-school and is the current "director of home management". Daughter Hannah will graduate from arts magnet high school next spring, she intends to major in dance

therapy and may attend Washington U. Daughter Sarah just finished her sophomore in h. s., and son Matthew 6th grade. In between his law practice, husband Randy enjoys hiking and cycling. The Brown family also has 2 Norwich Terriers (Holly and Charlie).

**Jean C. Von Shrader Byran** writes from Norfolk, Va. She is doing extremely well at her part time position with fundraising bringing in new accounts. Jean was happy to reconnect with Anthropology Professor Seaman who lives in Livingston, VA. This summer she, husband Peter, along with their three children Betsy, George and Anne will vacation in Sanibel. She frequently goes to DC to visit her family and plans a mini-reunion with fellow classmates this fall. Always social, Jean recently spoke with **Lisa Blake** who is president of FireFly, a company specializing motion activated light merchandise. Based in Boca Raton, FL, Lisa has been president since 2003; you can contact her at [www.fireflyflash.com](http://www.fireflyflash.com).

**Alice E.A. Dixon** writes from Richmond, VA where she won her flight in the City of Richmond Amateur Golf Championship. Alice is a Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist, assisting clients in restructuring and repositioning their debts to maximize wealth generation while improving their net worth. She has a beautiful black Lab named Beau and enjoyed seeing everyone at the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion.

**Patricia Whelan Schenck** is in Albuquerque, NM where husband Bob is medical director of the U.NM dept. of orthopedic surgery. Patricia is a modern languages teacher at Sandia High School. Daughter Lillian will be a sophomore at the U.Ca, Berkley, son Gus will enter his senior year in h.s., daughter Helen her junior year while the twins, Marion and George their sophomore year.

After a 22-year hiatus, I attended the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. I was thrilled to reconnect with classmates and visit the college. I was impressed with the many improvements to the campus and most of all to see that SBC still maintains its focus on educating women to be active, articulate and committed individuals.

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Kathryn Marion, class of 1984, Kathryn@RealSolutionsPress.com, of Erie, CO, From **Kathryn Marion**: A great opportunity exists for SBC alumnae to be published and boost professional exposure. My company, Real Solutions Press LLC, seeks stories for books in our series, "The Smartest Thing I Ever Did..."™ I would love to be able to publish stories from alumnae in our book, "The Smartest Thing I Ever Did...as a Woman in Business." There are also opportunities in "...with My Money", "...for My Health," "...for My Family," and "...for My Child's Education." All contributors receive a byline and 100-word bio. I encourage anyone interested in submitting their own brand of wisdom to one or more of these books to visit [www.RealSolutionsPress.com](http://www.RealSolutionsPress.com) so they can be included in one of these late 2007 titles. I look forward to hearing lots of Sweet Briar success stories soon!

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The class of 1988 is looking forward to reunion. Please mark your calendars!

**Jeanne Rovics Mexic** saw **Kristen Petersen Randolph** (and 2 of 3 boys: Ranny, 11; Christian, 8) in Williamsburg VA, 12/06. Boys Blake Mexic (8), Christian and Ranny Randolph played together while mom's caught up.

**Christina Savage Lytle** is busy with kids and helping at school with PTA. She loves leading Leslie's Daisy Girl

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Scout Troop and Lucie's Brownie Troop. She was asst. coach for Lucie's soccer team, amazing to see them grown and play! "No more hand holding, flower picking, butterfly chasing, cartwheeling on field! Thank goodness Leslie's team keeps us smiling with 6-year-old antics!" They enjoy Irish Dance and danced in the Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade with the school. Leslie does gymnastics and ballet. She is busy with kindergarten, homework load isn't taxing. Christina brought Girls on the Run® to her daughters' school. GOTR is a life-changing learning program for girls in grades 3–8. (Girls on Track® is for girls in m.s.) It combines training for a 5k with lessons on healthy living, designed to instill self-esteem and strong values through health ed, life skills development, mentoring relationships and physical training. They had 38 girls last fall and ran the Reindeer Romp 5k in Reson, VA on 12/9/06. Haven't done a 5k since SBC I think! Or was it a 3k?" 28 girls participated in spring; the next 5k was May 9th in Fair Lakes, VA. Anyone can run, visit [www.girlsontherunofnova.org](http://www.girlsontherunofnova.org) or [www.girlsontherun.org](http://www.girlsontherun.org) to find a GOTR. She's looking for a program for boys—not easy to find! They went to FL to see sister Renee Savage '92 in May, Bermuda for Marion-Bermuda Race in Jun., a wedding in SC, and vacation in the outer banks. She got an announcement for Paige Taylor Hall '87's newest addition. Son Taylor has a baby sister Breeden, adorable!

**Heather Shettle Buerger** is great! She's a rep for the Carlisle Collection and works at her law practice part time. Christina would love contact from other SBC friends! "I CAN NOT BELIEVE '08 is on the horizon! We're about ONE year from our 20<sup>th</sup>! Start thinking about the trip to SBC! If you have suggestions for our '88 gathering, email Kelly or me. If Reunion won't work, consider Homecoming."

**Stephanie Wilt Smirnov** still works at DeVries Public Relations in NYC, lives outside the city, northern NJ with husband Max and son Terry (4). They took an amazing 3 week trip this past summer to Russia, where Max is from—St. Petersburg, Moscow and Max's home city of Chelyabinsk (very, very, VERY far to the east, near Siberia!)—quite an adventure with a toddler, but an amazing time. They hope to get abroad again.

**Susan Detweiler** finished a 4<sup>th</sup> season keeping scientists out of trouble in Antarctica, after another wonderful season guiding climbers in the Tetons. She and her partner enjoyed Yellowstone before heading "to the ice" and after her Australian climbing trip, she and Larry will spend 2 mo. canoeing a remote river in northern Canada. She loves

the seasonal lifestyle and staying in touch with SBC friends. Her email is [climbersuz@yahoo.com](mailto:climbersuz@yahoo.com).

**Kathryn Deriso-Schwartz** is healing from extensive surgery after a car accident. She hopes to play tennis soon. Her kids are great. Webb is a boy scout. Burgen plays soccer. Kacki is practicing for a French competition and Chandler is busy with Brownies.

**Lisa Tennant** has been busy. She left her job at AIM in May, and works for a shipping firm. "Who would've thought I'd work with oil tankers?" She also knits a small line of accessories for a few boutiques. She also heads up a placement with the local Junior League. She would love to hear from friends at SBC!

**Paige Shiller Okun** and husband Steve, Bennett (6), and Mason (4) have been in Singapore 4 years with Steve's job as Asia/Pacific Vice President for UPS. This past year they traveled to Shanghai and Beijing, China; Bali and Lombok, Indonesia; Burma (Myanmar); Bangkok, Phuket and Koh Samui, Thailand; and Western Australia. It's been a great experience for the children to meet people of different backgrounds. This year, Paige is the PTA President for the Canadian International School, where the boys attend. She is Chief Operating Officer for Caring for Cambodia, a non-profit organization that builds schools, trains teachers, and helps children in Cambodia. She's spending more time in that country, with and without the kids. For information about Caring for Cambodia check: [www.caringforcambodia.org](http://www.caringforcambodia.org). She invites "anyone in SE Asia, please look me up, I would love to see you!"

**Whitney Bolt Lewis** says she's happy and well in Charlotte, N.C. She, husband Ned and 2 boys are well. She visited **Mary Halliday Shaw** in Atlanta. Whitney says Mary looks great; she has the nicest boys! She speaks to **Katie Keogh Weidner** who seems to be doing well. Whitney looks forward to seeing everyone at our 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Kathryn Ingham Reese** saw **Katie Weidner** at a paddle tennis party. Kathryn still coaches and teaches m.s. English. They moved May '06, a mile from the old house. Landon (6) and Elliot (4) are at Tower Hill with her. She says "This comes in handy when your child slams her finger in a door at school and has to be rushed to the hospital (10 stitches and a fracture). I actually heard her screaming from MY classroom!" She went to SBC with her girls on her way to GA in spring. She's "excited to show them their college!"

**Katie Keogh Weidner** says "Marriage the 2<sup>nd</sup> time around is so wonderful! When I got divorced I never

thought I would find happiness again. Now I'm happier than I could've ever imagined!" She and husband Doug renovated his childhood home in Chester Springs, PA, and live there. Katie's 3 kids are 14, 12, and 8 and Doug's kids are 22, 20, and 15. Their house is big enough for all of them and 2 dogs. Katie re-connected with Emery Jones Taylor '86. She was at parent visitation day at Katie's son's school. Their boys introduced them and they made the SBC connection! She looks great and keeps busy working on her farm with dogs and horses. Katie saw **Paige Apple Montinaro** Thanksgiving '06. She lives in Rye, NY. She is still a world traveler! She told Katie they were just in London for a mid-winter break from school with their boys. They went to South Africa in spring. Katie also hears from **Katrina Evans Gatti** from time to time. She and Paul live in Dublin, GA, love to golf. Katie says **Beth Bennett Haga** is in Dallas and always on the go.

**Katrina Evans Gatti** and family are well. She's still on the board of Dublin/Laurens Arts Council, active at Trinity, her alma mater where her children attend, and a member of D.A.R. Paul's still on the board of Children's Wish International. They golf together every week and enjoy tournament play in a couple's league. Mary-Claxton (10 going on 20) enjoys ballet, horseback riding, piano, and art classes, and attended Keystone Camp for the first time last summer. Soccer player Joe (5 going on 15) has 4 girlfriends though only one got chocolate and flowers and she's an older woman, 6! Both kids are skiers, loved spending time in Steamboat Springs in winter. They went to Naples to see Paul's parents; her parents are in GA, they see them often—weekends at their farm. They added golden doodle Lilly Pulitzer to their family, fall '06. Joe wanted to name her Sizzles, but that sounded too much like an exotic dancer. We're happy Mary-Claxton won the name game.

**Eden Zuckerman Brown** reports that "after 15 years of being a clinical psychologist I need a new adventure. I'm going to film school and plan to make documentary films. I'm still in private practice part time and am in film school full time. It's lovely to be back in the creative realm! I'll keep everyone posted on the journey."

**Kate Cole Hite**'s children (11, 8, and 4) are finally at the same school. This past year she chaired the gala/auction for the school, but won't be doing it next year. Her family is happy to have her back! In fall '06, she turned 40! Husband Tucker surprised her with a weekend at the Ritz Carlton. In the lobby, up walked **Katie Keogh Weidner, Minta Jones Ford**, and **Whitney Bolt Lewis**, another surprise! "We ate too much, drank even

more, hung out, and caught up with each other. SBC friends are the best!" Son Chase is in his 4<sup>th</sup> year of Lacrosse and daughter Mackenzie in her 2<sup>nd</sup>. She says **Leslie Corrado**'s wedding was fabulous! "She made each guest feel special. I had fun reconnecting with girls from '89 and '90. Katie Weidner, **Kathryn Ingham Reese**, and I had a blast! Our husbands took part in the fun too." She finished coaching Mackenzie in lacrosse this spring. With 2 of the 3 kids in sports, their hands are full. Cole (4) can't wait to get his chance to play.

**Courtenay "Nici" Fraley Pechman** married Scott Pechman, 3/17/07. She has 2 children, Jake (8) and Fraley (5). Scott has a son, Thomas (8). They live in Crestline, AL. Nici says it's "like Mayberry, we love it." Children walk to school and ride bikes to Crestline Village to restaurants, ice cream parlor, Starbuck's, etc. Nici hasn't practiced law since 1998, but may start again now that Fraley is in kindergarten. She enjoys being a newlywed again!

**Katharine McCoid Roth** says, "Our big news is that Henry Montgomery Roth was born on 5 June in London." Henry has 2 big sisters, Molly (2) and Edie (4)." They took a ski trip to Vail, late winter. Children loved it, but she was slow at 6 mo. pregnant! They've been spending summer in NJ and ME. Edie's in kindergarten at Pembridge Hall (they start early in London!) and Molly's in nursery.

**Cameron Cox Hirtz** and Tony ('86) are still at West Point, NY home of the US Military Academy. Tony works at the hospital on post as Chief of Pediatrics. He also works with cadets. They love all the fun outdoor activities that keep them busy! Daughter Grayson is 6. Son Colby is 4. Cameron says "They're into everything West Point has to offer: skiing, sports, swimming, fishing, camping, and more! We're very lucky to have good friends here. We live in a cute house on post and if anyone wants to visit, a guest room is waiting!" She doesn't get to see many SBC friends except when she goes down south. She does talk to **Denton Freeman Kump**. They get together when they can.

**Mariam Khan**, Potomac, MD, hopes to be employed full time when notes arrive. She works part time at a Crêperie in D.C. SBC Career Planning helps. I'm applying for web related writer/editor jobs, but am open to anything using verbal skills, PR or Press.

**Brenda Payne** is a grandmother to Austin Wyatt Payne, born 3/3/07 to John and Susan Payne, Encinitas, CA. He was 8 lbs 3oz., 22 inches long. Husband John had surgery in May, still recovering.

**Virginia Bennett Leeds** graduated UNCG with her Masters in Education, May

'07, teaches 4th grade at McLeansville Elem. Virginia signed daughter (3) up for swimming, ballet, and gymnastics classes for the summer. Virginia says "My little girl is growing up!"

**Mary Halliday Shaw's** twins, Mike & Jack, (15, in 10th grade) are driving with learners permits. If you live in Atlanta, lookout! Their rock band has come a long way; they've played some gigs. Kevin (11) is in 6th grade and a soccer star. Mary is in her 3rd year teaching at Holy Spirit Prep School. Husband Brad is still a SVP at the Home Depot, enjoys it. Mary saw **Whitney Bolt Lewis** while vacationing in The Isle of Palms, SC.

**Scarlett Roitman** gave birth to Anaïs Brontë, 3/07. She and Mark have over 1000 properties under development in Southern Europe and St Lucia and they're clocking up lots of air miles! Unfortunately she can't come to Reunion, but wishes everyone a wonderful time!

**Amy Gould-Pilz** will begin studying for multiple subject teaching credentials in Aug. and will be done in time to celebrate Reunion '08! It's been a challenging year, the big "D" (divorce), but she and her daughter Madeline ("Maddie," 11) are great!

**Tracy Tigerman Shannon's** son, Ryan is in 7th grade, and younger sister, Kaitlyn, is in Kindergarten. Ryan joined young scholars in D.C. again this summer and Kaitlyn played softball. Tracy is heading on to her 17th of teaching while John is finishing up his Education degree. She also takes classes at UVA for her endorsement in administration.

We took Kathleen (5) to Disney in May. It was a blast! It's amazing to watch the magic through her eyes. I can't believe she's in kindergarten. Thanks for all the emails!

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**Mamie Farmer Farley** writes, "Headed to the beach Fripp Island SC with husband Matthew's family. Son Miller is 8, Harry is 6, Joanie is 3. Doing an addition to the house and have to move out this summer—looking forward to THAT!"

**Katherine Cooper Hoffman** writes, "Cal (8) and Evie (7) are excited and nervous to enter 3rd and 2nd grade at a new school in D.C., St. Patricks. Would love to know other SBC families there! I've enjoyed Wednesday breakfasts with **Stephanie Berger**, and lunches with Julia Jacobsen '45 and am extremely grateful to **Suzanne Petrie, Amy Lemieux**, and Stephanie for all their support for my past business venture. In fall, I shift gears to direct marketing my family's insurance agency (Howard & Hoffman, Inc.). We're celebrating 101 years (any party planners in the area?)!"

**Cathi Tavi Goslau-Rainold** writes, "Married 1 year now! Still working for Property Management in Sales in Summit County, CO. Our first baby, a son, will be born in early Oct! Still involved with horses and 4H. Saw **Cheryl Gilman** in Apr.! New info: home 970-262-3883, cell 970-406-1118, PO Box 6321, Dillon, CO. 80435

**Stacey Lawrence Lee** writes: "Will and I expect baby #2 at the end of Jul. Soon to be sister, Lexi is excited!" **Signee Hoffman Swartley** and Curtis welcomed Piper Anne 3/1/07, and are tickled to be parents despite sleepless nights.

**Lorraine Haire Greer** writes: "Tom and I enjoy our new house and will celebrate Alex's 1st birthday in Aug. This summer, we spent 4 days with **Stephanie Berger, Jen Kemper Wallis** and family at Nags Head, NC. It was wonderful having our families together and spending girl time. We plan to do this each year! In Jul. we are traveling to NH for a family reunion on Tom's side of the family. We look forward to seeing his parents, brothers, and sister, and to seeing some SBC friends at Homecoming."

**Gwen Fisher Glew** writes: "Husband Rich and I celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary and 18th year together. We have 2 sweet boys, Finnegan (4) and Duncan (6). I'm completing a developmental and behavioral pediatrics fellowship. We are trying to juggle 2 parents working full time. It's a challenge, but fun and rewarding. We moved to the heart of Seattle from the burbs and enjoy being in the urban buzz."

**Joan Dabney Clickner** has great news: a little girl, Georgia, born 3/25/07 weighed 9 lbs 8 oz! She is very well, and everyone enjoys her awesome smiles. It's fun having a baby in the house and dressing her up in pink outfits—an unexpected pleasure! Big brother Ian enjoys having a sibling. Joan has seen **Suzanne Ziesmann**, who looks "mahvellous," and has plans to see **Erin Katz** in Clearwater, FL in Oct.

As for me, **Vickie Campo Byrd**, I'm writing from my parents' house in Tuscaloosa, AL. We are spending 3 weeks here in Jul. and will then visit my husband's family in the NC mountains. It's nice to get a break from the hot FL summers and visit family and friends. Garnett (6 1/2), Ellie (4 1/2) and Caroline (2) love summer adventures! Hope everyone is doing well, looking forward to hearing from more classmates next time! Thanks to everyone who responded and sorry for the quick turnaround on my last min. email!

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It was great to see everyone at reunion and all the changes on campus—this was my first time back since graduation! I'm excited to be class secretary (I get to read what everyone is doing months before the magazine mails!) and doing the class notes—please make sure I have your current email address. I had A LOT of emails returned to me.

**Kathleen Hughes Hartman** and Michael (HSC '91) were blessed with Amanda on 6/10/06. Kathleen writes "she's the best of both of us and keeps us laughing and smiling!" Michael taught 5th grade last year but is going back with Wachovia and Kathleen is still with USDA APHIS Veterinary Services "doing lots of cool stuff." She reports that their new home in Valrico, FL is wonderful. She tries to keep up with **Stephanie Brundage Snasdell, Kyra Meelan Werner** and **Barbara "Babs" Baisely McPartlin**.

**Harriet Farmer Bunting** and Scott live most of the year in Breckenridge, CO with sweet daughter Lucia, born 3/21/06. Lucia has a brother due to arrive 9/28/07. Harriet and family still spend a few months of the year in Rincon, Puerto Rico where Lucia was born and where Daddy can catch up on his surf! She keeps in touch with **Holly Caswell King, Kathleen Davis Willis, Ashely Cobb Phelan** and **Holly Hicks** and has lunch with **Sally Croker** who lives in Breckenridge. Harriet will take a break

from teaching h.s. to spend time with Lucia and her brother.

**Kelly Brown Estes** is busy with exciting changes! After 14 years of teaching 2nd grade she'll teach 4th grade next year and husband Ken will soon start his own business operating a truck hauling company. They are building a new house nearby. Ben will be entering 6th grade in the fall and Julia Katherine 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**Katherine "Rin" Bradley-Black** still lives in Manassas, VA. Her log cabin expanded with an addition to the house and the birth of son Gibson in 4/06. She works as a central office administrator in the office of special education for a local school district.

**Margaret McClellan Driscoll** says all's well in Williamsburg! She and daughter McRae had a great time at our 15th reunion and loved seeing everyone there! Parker finished kindergarten and McRae 3rd grade. They look forward to seeing **Jen Toomey Driscoll** and her brood for a family vacation!

**Jacqueline Geets Henry** is near Washington DC in Great Falls, VA. She just had her 3<sup>rd</sup> child last Aug., son Phelps Hoyt Henry, who joins his older brother Jacques (3 1/2) and Charlotte (4 1/2), and is very active and crawling already. She sees **Lisa Crego** (living in D.C.) and her 2 dogs. She still has 4 dogs and one cat that are going strong in old age. They will visit **Pokey Dupont Schiff** and she keeps in touch with **Jenny Brodleib Caccipio** (who had 4th child Richard!). She would love to hear from anyone from '92 in D.C. or passing through. Sister Patricia '94, lives in D.C.—Patricia and husband Chip Hathaway (W&L '93) bought a house in Capitol Hill.

Soon to be Dr. **Charlotte Bonini** and Driss have been in D.C. for over 3 years. Driss works for the Red Cross and Charlotte for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. After 13 years she completed her doctoral thesis, passed her oral defense, and will attend her graduation this Nov. Though Charlotte will answer to Dr. Bonini—"don't ask me for anything more than a band-aid!" Aside from her doctoral thesis, it was a bittersweet year. Youngest brother Louis got married at home in ME—a fabulous time with family and friends. Unfortunately, 6 weeks after the wedding her Dad died. Charlotte traveled a lot for work (PA, MN, and DK) which caused her to miss reunion.

**Natasha Stanfill Bullotta** and Tom (W&L '89) have been married 12 years! They have 2 boys, Miles (4 1/2) and Simon (1) and moved from Sterling, VA to Vienna, VA 3 years ago and love it! She stays home with the boys and has a great time raising them. Natasha misses hearing from old friends (Holly, Harriet,

Kyra, Camelot etc.) and hopes to hear from you soon (natashabullotta@hotmail.com).

**Kelly Morton Robinson** and Chuck still live in Knoxville, TN. Andrew (12) is in 6th grade, plays golf. Hannah (10) is in 5th grade, plays soccer. Caroline (8) is just being little sister. She continues to see **Dabney Ledyard Hopkirk** and tries to keep up with **Stacey Puro Rosenberg**. She hated to miss the reunion, but hopes everyone had a wonderful time!

**Dabney Ledyard Hopkirk** hoped to attend reunion, but her children were busy with end of the year activities. They're having a nice summer in Nashville, enjoyed a trip to Seagrove, FL with family and Ian's parents visiting from Scotland. Youngest is Julianne 2 1/2, and her big brothers, Alec (10) and Will (8) are terrific caregivers. She would love to hear from classmates at: dabney@hopkirk.net.

**Meg Moss Guegan** and Sebastian bought a house in Ashburn, VA. She is Director of Communications at the National Rifle Assoc. Daughter Charlotte (2) is starting to speak a little French much to the relief of in-laws. They see "Auntie" **Charlotte Bonini** and miss seeing everyone at reunion.

**Amy Peck Driscoll** had an interesting and challenging year! Husband Paul is an Army Reserve Officer serving in Iraq. He left last Sept., will return Jan.08. Matthew (4) and Consie (2) know that Dad is chasing bad guys, but fortunately don't understand much more than that! They miss him and know that he's been gone for a long time. As a result of being a single mom for the year, she has learned all sorts of handy-work and makes the most of the time by painting, updating light fixtures, etc. to keep busy! She and the children plan to spend the summer visiting family and friends to make the most of the situation. If anyone is in the VA Beach area, stop by, she welcomes adult company!

**Cathy Driskill Hindman** still teaches Kindergarten at New Covenant School and is lead teacher for grades K-2. Daughter Tabitha will be a sophomore at NCS this year and is beginning to look at colleges like the U.Chicago (Mom's not sure about that!). Her boys are great, growing so fast! Cathy enjoyed dinner with **Tricia Pheil Johnson**'s family at reunion and is sorry that she didn't make it to other events. She's going to TX in late Jul. to see **Tabitha Nywening Slemmer** (from freshman year). Tabitha visited her in Lynchburg last summer and is anxious to see her again.

**Kimberley McGraw Euston**, husband Greg, and 3 kids love the Atlanta area and enjoyed visits by **Kate Haw**, Suzanne Petrie Liscouski 1'91 and Kimberley Wosicki Davis '89. Kimberley

has her own consulting business training senior executives in financial services. She was in London and will be going to Asia this fall. In May, she was a panelist at the Harvard Women's Leadership Board meeting. Kimberley loves working from home so she can spend more time with family.

**Ann Knoke Kohudic** and husband had 2nd baby Jackson Guthrie Kohudic 3/5/07. Big sister Erin (3 1/2) is excited for a playmate! They had fantastic vacation al Hilton Head, SC. She has been in touch with **Carrie Bake Wong** a lot and hopes to get away for a girls-only trip somewhere in the US.

**Jennifer Toomey Driscoll** moved to State Coll., PA, where Charles (W & L'89) has purchased Mercedes-Benz and Nissan dealerships. They love being in a college town. There's lots to do and they're never at a loss for babysitters! Jen went back to SBC for the 15 yr. reunion and took Kate (9) and Betsy (6) while Charlie (4) stayed home with Dad. It was great fun! Jen looks forward to seeing **Diana Bradford Walsh** in CO and keeps in close touch with sister-in-laws Maragaret McClellan Driscoll and Daniella Ceccarelli Toomey '93.

I, **Tricia Pheil Johnson**, had a busy 2 years with daughter Amelia Grace, 6/23/05. I bought a StrollerFit franchise last May and teach the exercise class to moms with babies in strollers. It's an excellent workout—don't let the stroller part fool you! It really got me in shape and I get to take my baby to "work" every morning. My class published a fundraising cookbook "Strollin' Moms in the Kitchen" to benefit a local charity. Amelia Grace and I did the TV and radio ads for Frederick Memorial Hospital's new birthing center. It was great to take her to reunion to see SBC for the first time—she loved the pink and green balloons! We look forward to a Disney cruise in Jul. and a trip to the Outer Banks in Sept. with my parents and grandparents.

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*NOTE from your Class Notes Editor: Dear Class of 1993, I would like to apologize for any notes that were not posted in the previous issue of the magazine. I always enjoy reading Class Notes and will do my best in the future to print all of your submissions in a timely manner. Thank you for writing!*

**Kerry O'Donnell** still loves life in NYC. She left her position as the VP of Retail Strategy and Marketing for Syence Skin Care when they relocated to Europe, so she is job seeking and doting on the "jr. critters" in her life—her nephews, nieces, and lucky children of friends. She enjoys catching up with SBCers when they come to the Big Apple. **Lisa LaLonde Hamaker** and I almost crossed paths there this year for a joint visit/retail therapy weekend with Kerry—a redo on the calendar!

**Jennifer Mooney Risey** wrote in with the news that her family will move to Marietta, GA when Jackson (6), Aidan (5) and Marigny (3) get out of school in Jun. Her husband Chris started a new company called Lantern Capital Partners, a corp. financial firm that helps businesses secure money to grow or go public. She is excited to be closer to **Kerry Pollock Thomas** and children Aidan (5), Brennan (4) and Ainsley (2), but will miss sunny FL after 10 years in Tampa!

**Nalini Mani** is still in D.C. working as a strategy consultant in the International Development arena. She spends roughly 50% of her time traveling outside of the USA for work, mainly in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. She enjoys traveling for pleasure as well, and has until 2010 to meet her goal of visiting every country in the UN. She goes to Armenia in Apr. to see Mt. Ararat and find Noah's Ark! She would love to hear from classmates.

**Pamela Subranni Berman** and John have their hands full with the addition of Blake Maxwell to the clan. He joins sisters Jordyn (2), Colby and Logan (12) and adds a much needed shot of testosterone to the house! When schedules allow, I grab lunch with Pamela living in nearby Merion, PA. She's as beautiful as ever and makes it all look easy!

**Ashley File Phoenix** is totally zen in Denver. Yoga on 6th, her Cherry Creek studio, is the hottest yoga scene in Denver and Ashley was named one of the city's Beautiful Young Entrepreneurs

in 5280 Magazine. Somehow we're not surprised! Ashley sent photos of a back country skiing trip she took across France, described as "the experience of a lifetime." She and John continue to adore life with baby McCall (3).

**Elizabeth Harder Botzis** and Elliott love life in Greenville, SC with son Reid (2). He has a sweet disposition, loves the beach like his mama and is already at home on a boat with a fishing pole. His mother and I burn up the phone lines as often as possible and I look forward to meeting him this summer.

**Stacey McClain Folwell** is in touch with **Dianne Hayes Doss**, **Laura Warren Underwood**, Lesley Byers Bush '94 and **Sabryna McClung Roberson**. They got a visit from the Dosses, who surprised them at home in Jacksonville, FL to share a lovely dinner. Ever McClain Folwell (3) and Jenny Doss (3) got along famously. Future SBC roommates? Stacey decided to go back to work part time to utilize her MLS as a children's librarian. They adopted a new puppy and her hands are full!

**Sabryna McClung Roberson** keeps in touch with everyone. **Stacey McClain Folwell**, **Laura Warren Underwood**,

**Tracie Allen Webber**, **Dianne Hayes Doss**, Ginger Amon White '94, Pepper Cogshall Anderson '94, and Katherine Schupp Zeringue '94 talk frequently. They and their families are well! Sabryna and Greg live in Sacramento, CA where the climate agrees with her burgeoning green thumb. They love traveling and have taken advantage of all that Northern CA can offer, with trips to Napa, Lake Tahoe, and San Francisco. Sabryna's interest in all things culinary led her to the world of libations—she's now with Folsom Brewmeister and has already made some Black Lager to celebrate Mardi Gras! She plans to work on hard cider next. Sabryna and Greg toured the American Southwest in the fall, traveling through Great Basin, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Chiricahua National Parks and Monuments, as well as some great state parks in NV, UT, AZ and CA. An amazing trip, highly recommended! Being adventurers themselves they welcome travelers—Sabryna says to call anytime if you're in the area, they 've comp!

**Patty Sagasti Su**, yes, husband Jeff, and boys Sebastian and Adrian live in Mebane, NC. Patty finished her Ph.D. in 8/06, has worked at Elon U. 3 years, and looks forward to a change of pace. Her new position at UNC Greensboro starts in fall. Nothing has changed since SBC. Patty still volunteers for everything, including coaching her sons' teams and serving on church committees. Training for a triathlon and writing scholarly articles keeps this active mom busy!

**Jen Mooney Risey** and family sold their house in Tampa and will spend

the summer on Daufuskie Island while waiting to move to Atlanta. She sends love to **Kerry Pollock Thomas** who gave Jen's husband a key and full ownership of her finished basement and comfy couch during the house-hunting process.

#### Johana Kelleher Hoofnagle

writes that she and Billy live in Northern VA, both working for Lockheed Martin. Colby (3 1/2) is a source of constant entertainment, particularly so with the addition of new sister Mackenzie Lane in 6/06. Johana's sister Nicole '97 gave birth to first child Gabriela Marie in 2/07. Together they have a family of little vixens. For **Kristen Swenson Sloop** life is busy with 3! Katherine Liles arrived Easter morning '06, joining John and Eliza and Kristen's other baby, Kootiebug Designs. The business, like everything else, is growing by leaps and bounds! Kristen has licensing agreements with wallpaper and furniture companies and sells to about 400 retailers now. Check out her website at [www.kootiebugdesigns.com](http://www.kootiebugdesigns.com)—darling stuff!

#### As for me, **Michelle MacMurtrie**

**Constable**, I shared the thrill of a lifetime with my children Grace (8), Gedd (5), and Caroline (3) when we cheered their daddy on as he ran the Philadelphia Marathon in Nov. We were so excited, you'd have thought we ran it ourselves! Jeff crossed the finish line weak in body but strong in spirit, and it was exhilarating to share in his triumphant moment as a family. I'm in touch with **Elizabeth Harder Botzis**, **Ashley File Phoenix**, **Kristen Hooper**, **Polly Crawford**, **Patti Doran Walczak**, **Pamela Subranni Berman** and **Kerry O'Donnell**. They are scattered far and wide, but through the wonders of email (and Christmas cards!), we keep abreast of what goes on in each other's lives. I hope you will plan to do that next May 16–18, '08—our 15th Class Reunion! We want to see all of your faces, meet your families, and explore Sweet Briar together again! Please go to the SBC website to update your information so that you will receive all the news and invitations to this wonderful event.

## 1996

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Hey ladies! Our class "family" is growing this year. So many of us had children, or are expecting that next Reunion will have a built-in playgroup! My congratulations to all of the new mamas!

**Jesse Durham Strauss** and Oron welcomed Anna Josephine on 1/02/07, sharing a birthday with Jesse's freshman roommate **Rachel Baltus**, who came to meet Anna in the hospital! Later, experienced moms **Jen Beck Locke** and **Katie Campbell Brumley** came to Alexandria to meet Anna and help Jesse adjust to motherhood. Maternity leave was busy, but great. Mom & Dad took Anna to San Diego in Feb. to meet some of her extended family. In Mar., they took a family vacation with Jesse's parents, sister and brother-in-law to Italy for 2 weeks. Anna (9 weeks at the time) was a perfect traveler and likes the Italian food and wine. In Apr. Jesse went back to work part time. She says she's finally settling into being both a mom and a meeting planner. The Strauss family is looking forward to a 4th of July trip to Jacksonville, FL to visit Jen, Hunter, Marte and Thomas before they move to Chattanooga in Aug.!

**Kelly Collins Lear** and Aaron had baby boy Theodore "Teddy" Michael, born 4/02/07. He was 8 lbs., 12 oz. and they just made it to the hospital for his birth, 20 min. after arriving! Evelyn (2) likes reading to Teddy and giving him kisses. **Sarah Reidy Ferguson**, Teddy's Godmother, visited the Lear family in Cleveland for his Christening, Jun.

**Victoria Gajda Hartwell** and Jehmal welcomed Leighton Marley 5/21/07 at 2:55 pm. 7 lbs, 9 oz and 20 in, a beautiful boy (absolutely true, I saw pictures)! He was born in Melbourne, FL, no complications at all. Victoria can't believe how quickly time has passed! The whole family is "adjusting" and doing well. There's not any other news to speak of besides Leighton, as they have been quite busy enough between preparing for his arrival and now tending to his every need. This is a very new experience for Victoria; she's doing extremely well with the help of her mother and her infinite wisdom and expertise!

**Susan Whitehead-Froehlich** writes that after a quick 3 1/2 hours of labor, little Caden James was born 5/25/07 at 11:24 am (5 lbs, 15 oz, 18 1/2 in). Sue has 3 mos. off from work and enjoys spending time with her son and having the summer off! It's everything BABY for Sue and Mike—the house looks like a baby explosion of stuff, but they enjoy it all!

**Natalie Brown Adee** and husband Jon welcomed Alexander Caspar on 6/21/07. JJ (2) is very excited to be a big brother! **Sarah Chaffee Paris**, Jonathan and Isabella welcomed Steven Henry 6/29/07, named in honor of Sarah's father, who died when she was at SBC. Steven weighed just over 9 lbs and was 21.5 in! The Paris family moved, a week before Steven arrived, to an 1895 Victorian in Milton, MA. **Beth Ike** tells me that life is great in Charlottesville! **Susie Gross Leroy**'s husband opened a great new French bistro joint on Main St. C'ville called "Zinc." If you're in the area, stop in! **Ashley Harper Matthews** expects another addition to the family any second, and Margaret Brodie Williams '97 had a baby boy, Hudson Lawler Williams.

**Paige Vaught Campion** writes: "Seems like every time I read our class notes, I'm impressed with everything that our class is doing. Life is great here. I saw **Amy Daugherty Michel** and precious son Xander in 4/07—a wonderful trip. Amy and I caught up by playing with Xander and reminiscing about our times at Sweet Briar and beyond. I also went to see Carrie James Saunders '95 and son Finnigan (born 9/06) in Portsmouth, NH in May, for a long weekend with my daughter, Ellie (3). Ellie got to practice playing big sister to Finnigan, since she will soon be one to our baby due 8/11/07—another girl! 2007 has been a terrific year in the mortgage business for me (10 yrs. now), and my loyal customers from the past keep me busy. I still work for Bank of America as a loan officer, love my job and being home once a week with Ellie. I cut back in Aug. when my daughter arrives to work 2 full days a week, quite a change for me. But I have 3 wonderful friendships that formed when Ellie was in an infant playgroup, and we spend every Wed. together. Chris is great too, the best Daddy around in Ellie's eyes! She's a Daddy's girl for sure, but becoming a Mommy's girl lately, hmm. Hope to see more of dear SBC friends in the future. If you come to Raleigh, please email me, I have plenty of room! [paisie.campion@bankofamerica.com](mailto:paisie.campion@bankofamerica.com)."

**Katie Campbell Brumley** and Rob expect their 2nd child! Katie is due late Sept. As her OB is in D.C., she will deliver there, even though the family still lives in Richmond. At a recent check-up, Katie stayed with Jesse and Oron and got to play with baby Anna, who is gorgeous. She still sees Wynn and Buff on a regular basis. They are both doing well.

**Mary Margaret Dixon Biss** lives in Skaneateles, NY (part of the Finger Lakes Region near Syracuse) and works at a doctor's office 4 days a week. The newest change in life is that she and Andy expect their first baby in Sept.! It's a girl, so look out class of 2029! **Lisa Aumiller-**

**Anderson** and Brad are having their 3rd child, a baby girl in Sept. This baby will be delivered at home just like Joli (2) and Quin (4). Lisa is becoming a partner in the vet practice where she has worked 7 years. Lisa and **Tracy Walters** still get together and celebrate the good old days.

**Shann Fountain Culo** lives in Zagreb, Croatia with husband Tomislav, daughter Noemi (3), and son Andre (2). Shann is a travel writer for magazines like *Travel and Leisure* and *Conde Nast Traveler*. She sees Slavica Olujic '95 often, as Slavica also lives in Zagreb.

**Sarah Dennis Roberts** and Hayden enjoy raising Jackson (4). Jackson welcomed a cousin to the family this year so he is no longer the only grandchild on both sides of the family. The Roberts family returned from NC and plan to travel to CO and TN later this year. **Heidi Faulconer Cavanaugh** and Tom still live in NJ with son Reilly (2). The Cavaughns bought an 1860 farmhouse last summer, which they absolutely love! Tom still works for Celgene Corp. in Summit, and Heidi stays home with Reilly, loads of fun and cute as can be! **Heather Baskett** and Layla moved to Atlanta, where Heather is the Elephant Supervisor at Zoo Atlanta. They still have a fury family of 2 dogs and 2 cats! **Kimberly Shaheen White** writes that she's just teaching and teaching! Her husband Jeff (HSC '96) has more exciting news. His band, "Giant Bear" ([www.giantbeartn.com/www.redwaxmusic.net](http://www.giantbeartn.com/www.redwaxmusic.net)) recently signed to a label! They finished a west coast tour that took them across the U.S. One of their songs, "Nashville," has been picked up by *PASTE!* magazine sampler and will be on bookstands in Oct. Their latest album will be available in stores on 8/12/07. Kimberly's sons, Max (4) and Marley (2) are enjoying the summer swimming and visiting friends.

**Abby Phillips Hinga** and husband Sean moved to Denver in Apr. and have bought a new house, LOVE it! Abby telecommutes for Strategic Analysis, Inc. (the same company **Jesse Durham Strauss** has been with for years—funny how things happen!). Sean has a new position with the same organization. Of course, Abby misses seeing everyone that lives around D.C., but is now close to **Janeen Sharma** and **Laura Powell** (and Ellie, who is now a teenager!). She writes how great it's to see them so much, and would love to have visitors if anyone is coming out west.

**Angie Conklin Abell** and husband Barry are remodeling an investment property they purchased this summer, making their 3rd property. The plan is to rent it out. Angie's baby starts school this fall, so there will be no children in the house all day. Wow, time flies; good thing they got a teacup Maltese, the newest

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baby! Taulman turns 8 in Oct., and Hope will be 5 in Sept. Angie works hard in real estate and other than investing, she gets to the beach with her kids as much as possible and enjoys time with the family. When not doing those things, it's laundry, cleaning etc.—busy being a Working Mom! She and Barry are taking the kids to Turks & Caicos in Oct. to a "Beaches Resort" and look forward to the much needed vacation! Anyone wanting to visit the beach should call, they'll put you up. They're very happy, thankful for their children, and doing great! **Jen Beck Locke**, Hunter, Marte (4), and Thomas (18 mo.) will move to Chattanooga, TN in a few weeks, as Hunter begins a new adventure with Georgia-Pacific. He will be the Plant General Manager of a packaging plant and is excited about the tremendous promotion. Jen will be staying home with the kids and volunteering at Habitat for Humanity and hopefully the aquarium in downtown Chattanooga. The Locke family is very well and stays busy, looking forward to seeing **Jesse Durham**.

**Strauss**. Oron and baby Anna (6 mos.), who are coming to visit 7/4/07, before the move. Jen keeps in touch with SBC gals and looks forward to some coming to visit in Chattanooga. Also, Jen's brother Chris and wife Susan Holman '98 will be moving outside of Chattanooga at the same time as Jen and family. Susan is an Assistant District Attorney and has been given an opportunity to prosecute in the area. Jen is thrilled! She sends much love to all and says to please keep in touch. Also, anyone wanting to visit Chattanooga, Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg, etc., give them a call. They have plenty of room in the new house, and would love to visit with you!

**Laura Lee Rihl Joiner** and Brad will move again this summer, to Birmingham, AL. Laura Lee is getting out of the Army and will be part of the teaching staff in the OB/GYN department at the U.AL at Birmingham. They look forward to settling down in one place with the kids: Allison (5), Brad (4), Catherine (1 on May 30<sup>th</sup>). She sends love to all.

Sam and I, **Amy Daugherty Michel**, adjusted well to being new parents and love every minute of it! Xander is almost 4 mos., growing and learning every day. He is an absolute joy! As Paige wrote, we had a wonderful time when she visited in Apr. It was so much fun to see her pregnant and to see her with Xander! Like Jesse's Anna, he's a great traveler: in May we flew to San Francisco, then drove up the coast to a little town called Fort Bragg to spend Mother's Day weekend with my siblings and their children and grandchildren. It was Xander's first opportunity to meet many of them, a great time. In Jun., Xander and I traveled

solo to Northern CA to be with my sister and her family for niece Graysen's 1st birthday. We hope to travel more in the coming months, seeing family and friends all over the country. If any of you find yourselves in the Southwest, let me know, we'd love to see you. Take care, and I wish each of you and your family much health and happiness!

## 1997

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Hello, Friends! Reunion planning is underway and you have been assigned a classmate on the Reunion Hospitality Committee (RHC) who will be your primary contact for all things Reunion! Our 10<sup>th</sup> yr Reunion is May 16–18, '08 and we don't want anyone left out! Be sure to update your info on the SBC Alumnae web site and e-mail me if you have not been contacted by the RHC. Be sure to watch for Reunion mail from SBC!

**Joanne Hopkins** biked from Richmond to Williamsburg and back to raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society: "It was hot and humid on day 1, poured down rain on day 2, but was still a fun time. Next up is a biking trip to Norway that begins in Bergen and bikes past all the fjords! This Spring I went to New Zealand and Australia (2nd time). It was awesome! Wish I could have stayed! I did a lot of hiking and competed in 2 open water swim races, placing 2nd in my age group in one of them. My friends and I hiked the Tongariro Crossing in New Zealand (it was like walking across the moon or Mars) and in Australia we went snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef." She also visited with **Kim Izquierdo** who was in D.C. on business for a few days.

**Jeanette Oswald** lives in Brooklyn, NY. She finished her 3rd NYC marathon in Nov 06. She sees Natahsa Alam '99 regularly, and she spent a few days in Alaska and Las Vegas for vacation.

**Marquita Belzer Rhodes** finished her 1st half-marathon in May in Burlington, VT. "It poured rain at mile 8, but I crossed the finish line smiling and with a time that was well under 3 hours.

I have made small gains as a ghost writer. Republished nationally in a few transportation magazines and regularly published in the local paper. My Mom and I are working on a movie script. Working on a creative project with a parent has opened my eyes to a different side of personality, capabilities, and wonderment in us both. I often think—why hasn't she done this before now? Why haven't I? Dustee and I have lived in Saratoga Springs, NY for over 6 yrs and continue to enjoy the Adirondack forest playing ground for running, cycling, and picnics. Black fly season is currently underway. One of the best things about our 5 yr reunion was catching up with people I didn't know well in college and making friends. Hope to see you all at the reunion in May!"

**Kelly Bowman Greenwood** and **Dana Bordwick Poleski** met in Vegas in Apr. to see the FEI World Cup Show Jumping & Dressage Finals, "although [Kelly says] I swear I'm not getting on a plane again until this child is born because the whole airline/airport experience was miserable (being parked on thearmac for 45 min, unable to use the bathroom! Standing—no place to sit in a security line for over an hour!). It was worth it to catch up with Dana and for the prenatal massage at the Bellagio. Wayne and I still plan to move to a more baby-friendly house before the munchkin is born in mid-Sept. If anyone would like to buy the Floating House Wayne designed and built, you can see the HGTV featured tour here: [http://www.zonk.com/floating\\_home\\_video.htm](http://www.zonk.com/floating_home_video.htm).

**Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar**'s household is as busy as ever. "I completed my M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and finally feel like I can breathe. My family has been very supportive and Dennis has taken extra responsibility while I was in class. I will continue to teach 5th grade at Amelon Elem. next year. Joe (7) and Carson (4) are growing like crazy, time is flying. Joe will be in 2nd grade and Carson will start SBC preschool in the fall." **Rhonda Tyree**'s "little man Parker is growing so very fast—just graduated preschool and his very first tee ball season. He will start kindergarten in the fall. sniff, sniff." She keeps in touch with **Melissa Coffey** and **Jennifer Anderson**. They are all headed to see Jimmy Buffet soon and can't wait for their dose of Margaritaville!

**Valerie Walston** bought a house in the beach town of Santa Barbara, CA. "I've finally retired from campaign politics and have taken my PR experience to academia where I work as Dir. of public relations for the nanotechnology department at UC Santa Barbara. I'm proud of the work they do here, it's one of the best engineering schools in the

country, and I'm excited to be a part of it! My office is 20 ft from the beach and has a 180 degree view of the Pacific. I never want to leave! I'm still doing my bike centuries, but I've decided to push myself athletically and train for the Nike Marathon in SF this Oct. In training, I've learned that I really, really hate running. I can't wait to get back on my bike!"

**Joanna Kucinski** is also professionally entering the academic world as a full-time Visiting Prof of European History at VT in the fall. She is defending her dissertation, "Nature of the Beast: Animals, Humans, and Society in England, 1660-1714" in Aug at Duke. It looks at how animals were understood/conceptualized in early modern English culture, and how animals helped humans define their own place in society during the Restoration. Go Joanna!

**Bobbie Hedrick Aistrain** was featured in the 6/27 episode of Ghost Hunters "Toys of Terror" (<http://scifi.com/ghosthunters>), helping the crew of T.A.P.S. investigate a haunted house in Chesapeake, VA. "We shot the episode last Sept; you can view pics from the shoot here: [http://virginiaghosts.com/ghosthunters\\_shoot.php](http://virginiaghosts.com/ghosthunters_shoot.php)."

**Cyn迪 Hague Hineline** is happy that husband Shawn has a teaching position to return to in the fall, after a school levy scare (OH), and she is also happy to announce that her Tupperware business picked up this summer and she was number 1 in her unit's May sales! "It's such a fun job, and I love that it lets me stay home with Alex. He is crawling and getting into everything. He's also got at least 2 teeth coming in right now, so he's a complete bear a lot of the time. But the times that he's not are completely wonderful!" She keeps in touch with Kelli Rogowski '99 and **Heather**

**Thomas Armbruster** and is hoping to visit **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett** sometime soon.

**Cynthia Baumgardner Puckett**'s family relocated to Louisville, KY for her husband's Humana job. "I keep busy with Virginia (2), waiting for our son to be born, wrapping up 06-07 Annual Fund, and working with the RHC for Reunion!"

Armed with her doctorate, **Astrid Liverman** moved to Kailua, HI (O'ahu) where she teaches preschool ("aka the most fun ever") until she starts as an architectural historian for the Hawaiian department of land and natural resources in the fall. "I'm excited to put those years of schooling to use. Anyone coming here—look me up! Most recently I saw Megan Butt Glover '99 in San Diego and Abby Schmidt '00. Due to the distance, everyone else is mostly lots of phone calls. Hurrah for weekend minutes!"

**Rush Harris** works as a paleontologist in Vernal, UT for a

consulting company that surveys proposed oil and gas field development sites. "I look for fossilized turtles, crocodiles and bizarre mammals before they get bulldozed. Mostly that means wandering around in the desert all summer and following huge bulldozers around. It's been a great new experience and I have learned a lot. I'm still in my little house with Jory, 6 animals and a yard full of cactus and wildflowers, although I'm considering a move back "home" to AL in the next year or so."

**Chantel Bartlett** continues work in the non-profit education world managing a scholarship for h.s. grads. Another successful event recognizing the top scholarship winners came and went. She even personally sponsored a scholarship promoting entrepreneurial spirit for an incoming SBC girl. Chantel had put her efforts into the jewelry business on the back-burner, hoping to find some time late summer. A business trip to LA in Apr. allowed for another opportunity to have dinner with **Candice Broughton Maillard**. The 2 celebrated birthdays together! This summer, Chantel and **Alicia Foster Wilbun** spent a weekend catching up and playing with little Brianna. Chantel caught up with **Natia Nemetisheva** and learned that she and her husband are expecting their 1st child late '07!

**Joelle Jackson** is doing great in Murfreesboro, TN, loving her job, and enjoying fixing up her "little condo". She keeps in touch with **Isabel Jean-Pierre** regularly and will see her later this summer.

**Erin Wortley Valliere** says that things in Northern VA are good but hectic. "I was fooling myself to think it gets easier as the kids get older but it's a fun busy-dance classes, swim team, birthday parties. To simplify my life, I left my job at Micron Technology to go work for General Dynamics supporting the Marine Corp in defense acquisitions. The hours and responsibility are much more family friendly. With all the chaos, I don't see people and keep in touch like I should. Sorry to all and miss you much!"

**Cady Thomas** writes that things are going well in Raleigh. She is staying busy with work and travel and was hoping to see Serena and Tara Putegnat ('00) in Aug at their families' vacation in Nags Head. She also keeps in touch with **Susan Barney, Lindsay Culp, Katie Martin, Bronwyn Beard** and Elizabeth Baker '00. Additionally, she planned on attending **Emily Busse's** Aug wedding in Pittsburgh, PA.

**Stephanie Belk Loter** and husband are excited to add a human child in Dec to their family of furry pets. They recently vacationed in NC mountains for their 8th wedding anniversary, "and it made me

miss the views from SBC. Can't wait for reunion."

**Kathy Carr** has a regular client for her personal chef business and new inquiries. "I love this and hope to land a few more clients so I can cut back at my other job. In personal news [avid baseball fan], hopefully I'll be in attendance when Craig Biggio gets his 3,000th career hit. In Aug, I'll visit Chicago for the first time. **Alison Burnett** is joining me for a Cubs game at Wrigley Field."

**Jessica Brandrup** married Jason Smith on 5/26/07 in Fort Worth, TX.

**Darrelle Pfeiffer** wrote in that **Kindle Samuel** married Terance Barkus in Africa on 7/7/06 and had a US outdoor ceremony in Napa, CA on 7/7/07. Darelle and Tim were able to make a vacation of it, and Darelle was honored to be one of Kindle's bridesmaids. Katie Gumerson Althshuler '97 and husband Brooks were also in attendance.

**Amanda Diamond Ring**'s son Asher Caleb was born on his due date, 3/30. "We giggled, laughed and joked from beginning through pushing!"

Todd and **Natalie Recupero**

**Lindfors** had son Carter Anthony on 4/25. "His sisters love trying to help take care of him at only 2 yrs-old themselves, so it's not really a help yet! I'm still staying at home with the kids, although now is crunch time for 2 fundraising events that my husband and I organize for the Alzheimer's Association Southeastern VA Chapter."

**Jennifer Toler Ober** and husband became parents on 5/10 to Maya Marie June. "Our daughter was born 3 wks early while we were on vacation. What an adventure! However everything went so well it's humbling. The doctors and nurses were excellent-fun and competent-and Maya came out healthy and ready to go. People say the girl has character for being born while on vacation. I agree; she was conceived while we were on vacation and born while we were on vacation. She gets that from me; I live for vacations (which are few and far between). Lucky for me, German laws allow one full year of maternity leave while still keeping my job (IT Consultant). That means I can devote my time to Maya's 1st yr and experience all the fun stuff such as the 1st step or 1st word and 8 hours of continuous sleep."

**Sandra Dittmer Anthony** had healthy boy Hunter Owen on 6/2. He keeps his parents on their toes every day!

EXPECTING BABIES in '07: **Monica Brown, Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett, Kelly Bowman Greenwood, Natia Nemetisheva, Stephanie Belk Loter.**

1999

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After realizing that she didn't want a traditional 40 hr. lifestyle, **Christy Carl Allison** worked her way to Asst. Dir. of The Herb Cottage gift shop at Washington National Cathedral. This year, she'll take the course at Institute for Integrative Nutrition in NY, and pursue a career as gift shop owner, holistic health counselor, and whatever else!

**Aimee Armentrout** began her 2<sup>nd</sup> year teaching Kindergarten at Ladysmith Primary School in Caroline County, VA, loves it! She bought a house in Ashland, moved in Jul. She is still active with Camp Fantastic and still writing.

**Angela Walton Carpita** married Christopher Carpita in Annapolis, 6/23/07. Long lost SBC friend Jessica Tinfo attended. Angela is in touch with Kirby Breyenton Furgessen '00 who is in England, and Astrid Liverman '98 in Hawaii who couldn't attend the wedding. Angela teaches science and art at an alternative h.s. in MD and coaches field hockey.

**Rachel Barnard Fendley** and Bill are enjoying Will. Two french bulldogs Emma and Hogan adjusted nicely to the baby. Rachel resigned from teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to be a stay at home mom, still rides in spare time.

**Devon Vasconcellos Bijansky** and Steve have gotten into triathlons and had a full summer of races—she's even running a half-marathon in Philadelphia in Sept. Her days are filled with swimming (open water if possible), running, and cycling. In Devon's "spare time," she's still an enforcement attorney at the TX Real Estate Commission and has fun drafting agency rules to implement controversial new legislation. Steve should get his Ph.D. in 5/08, and then they'll likely leave Austin for parts unknown. They travel whenever they can and have been to Banff, Canada and back to Hawaii. Devon looks forward to seeing Lindsey Kelly and meeting little Cate Kelly in VA in Sept!

**Rachel Bratlie** and husband Chris are well in Charleston, SC. Rachel will complete her residency in psychiatry, 6/08. She was selected and will serve as Chief Resident her final year.

**Amy Gibbs Brown** gave birth to baby boy Malcolm Bailey Brown, 5/11/07. Now, he has red hair! She still lives in Boulder, CO with Kenton and Cooper (2). Cooper is jealous that baby gets to have so much milk! Amy has gotten involved with a women's charity organization, BouldeReach, which support micro-lending for women in South America.

She's excited to help women and children in need. Kenton works at National Institute for Standards and Technologies, really likes the group of physicists he works with. He loves the rock climbing in CO. Amy misses living on the East coast and can't wait to move back.

**Andrea Capano** is still a 7th grade science teacher. She received the position of District Science Curriculum Chair and completed her Masters Degree of Science in Education from U. of New England. All this accomplished with an active little boy at home! Alexander (1) keeps her busy. He enjoyed surf and sun of ME all summer. Andrea and Roderick still reside in Harrison, ME. Roderick transitioned to a new position in the Old Port of Portland, ME as restaurant manager.

**Brenda Elze** took a 2-week trip to Tahiti late in spring with military friends. It was an amazing paradise—trip of a lifetime. They even stayed in an over-water bungalow in Bora Bora! Brenda's getting out of the military in Sept., but doesn't know what to do afterwards just yet, hopes to move back east.

**Krista Wiggington Gravatt**

graduated from UMI's M.S.W. program in Apr., is looking for work as a part-time early childhood specialist. She and Latham welcomed 2<sup>nd</sup> son Carter, 10/31/06. Krista, Latham, Carter, and Lucas (3) reside in Belleville, MI.

**Kris Harris** is acting manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers and took a couple weeks over the holidays to study for and pass the CPA exam. She was licensed late spring and went to Honduras for an audit of a humanitarian and relief organization.

**Melissa Henning Hill** started work part time for Meeting Sites Resource in Jul. doing hotel contract negotiation.

**Lindsay Hicks Watrous** and Tim still live in West Phoenix with German shepherds Sage and Maggie. They put their houses on the market in hopes of moving to the East Valley, closer to family. On a quest for more work/life balance, Lindsay quit her full-time position at a public relations agency to be a part-time PR consultant from home.

**Lindsey Neef Kelly** enjoys life as a working mother. Her job, conducting foreclosure sales in eastern VA and managing her department's litigation and title work, is fun, keeps her busy. Daughter Catherine (3/1/07) is growing quickly and doing well at day care.

Husband Sean was promoted in his work as an Infrastructure Implementation Engineer at Langley AFB. Lindsey enjoyed meeting and getting to know Lily McGinley '93 over the internet. She became a new mom at almost the same time as Lindsey!

**Heather McLeod** and husband TJ Griffin still live in Austin and expect their

first baby in Oct., a boy. They are very excited!

**Gina Marie Mondel** still spends winters riding in West Palm Beach, FL and is heading into her 8<sup>th</sup> year of owning and operating a tutoring service that specializes in young equestrians. This past summer she lived in Lexington, KY's downtown area and enjoyed the social scene. Gina continues to compete on the circuit and sees Cara Meade regularly, as she works for the same barn.

**Kristin Smith Radtke** celebrated her 30th birthday with Trip by closing on their new home in Atlanta. She spent her summer off from school buying new furniture and painting. She and Trip celebrated 7/4 with a run in the annual Peachtree Road Race.

**Shannon Smith** lives in Garner, NC. She is a veterinarian in Fayetteville, NC at Cape Fear Animal Hospital where she's been for a year, plans to spend at least another year. Her sister got married in Mar. and a good friend is competing in the Miss NC pageant, which keeps Shannon busy. Go Miss Eastern Carolina! Shannon is active at Covenant Church International. She's always going to Bible studies and meetings. At the end of Sept., she went with the church on a mission trip to Russia for 10 days where they worked with orphans providing dental care, teaching basic life skills, and giving them much-needed love.

**Tina Hansel Snover**, David, and daughter Brenae (10/12/06) settled in Lynchburg! If you need a place to crash or want to go to La Carreta, give Tina a call! Tina is being a Mom and working out of the house, enjoys life very much.

and her husband recently visited SBC with Abbey where they bought her some Vixen pink and green baby apparel, which she wears with pride! **Tara Putegnat** still lives in Brownsville, TX and, after 5 years of teaching, she has decided to work for the family business, an industrial laundry called River Linen Service.

**Kibby Bryenton Fergusson** writes from England that she and Donnie are expecting baby #2 in Sept.! He is currently deployed and is working with the UN in Kosovo, and Kibby says Iain (2) keeps her busy while Dad is out of town. She and Iain took a summer holiday to Spain, where they spent time with friends who also have a new baby. She keeps a blog (<http://www.kibbyjane.blogspot.com>) so family and friends can follow her life on the other side of the pond.

**Kristen Lawlor Steege** is excited to announce that she and Brian are awaiting the arrival of their first child in Dec.! She says that despite it being the first question people ask, they don't yet know the sex of the baby and are super excited either way. They still live in Charlottesville, where Kristen is working in the same position she's been in since graduation.

Congratulations to **Anne Harper Biard** on the birth of daughter Cate! She and husband Will welcomed Catherine Winslow on Apr. 10, 07.

This past Mar. **Nicole Lamm** performed in a concert series touring southwestern France with New York Opera Society. She also covered the role of Zerlina in *Don Giovanni* with the same company. While in France, Nicole also taught movement for the young artists participating in the program. Upon returning to her home in Alexandria she performed in several concerts as the featured soloist in Northern VA. This summer Nicole will be singing in concert series touring the Big Island of Hawaii with the Hawaii Performing Arts Festival.

**Ashley Hill** writes that she is still living in Ipswich, MA and working at a small landscape architecture firm in Boston specializing in public work. She was able to visit with **Katie Wright Thomas**, her husband Spencer Thomas (HSC '00) and their new addition "Little Spence" in May when she was in Beaufort, SC.

**Amy Hess Snawder** says that not too much is going on in AZ. Husband Jared's Iraq tour got extended from 12 mos. to 15 mos., so he won't be coming home until Nov. and they should be PCSing from Ft Huachuca shortly after that; they aren't sure where yet, but Jared might teach ROTC at VMI, so they could be back "home" for a couple of years.

**Angelina Alongi** is currently teaching m.s. science. She is also starting a grass-fed beef operation with her mother. She lives in Houston and says

there are no wedding or baby reports from her!

**Melissa Bellan** is still living in Dallas, trying to fix up her first house. She is working at the law firm of Buchanan & Burke, L.L.P., and she and boyfriend Cliff recently added a new member (a rescued dog) to their little family. She hopes to visit **Kibby Ferguson** after she gets settled in her latest country.

Congratulations are also in order for **Wendy Bramlett Jolly**! She wrote in at the deadline saying that her first child, daughter Clara Marlea, would be arriving any day. Wendy has Clara's nursery decorated in pink and green with a ladybug and flower theme! Recently, she enjoyed catching up with **Evangeline Easterly Taylor** when they met up to have lunch together. **Emily McGregor Fenlaw** is loving motherhood with son Jett Alexander, born on New Year's Eve! She and husband Jay are happily settled in their recently overhauled home in Dallas, TX. She served as designer and contractor for the 4-month project and, just to help things along at the end, she was laying tile in the kitchen at 9 mos. pregnant—determined to move back in before the baby arrived! (She says she missed that goal by two weeks). Now, after a 6-month break of construction and design, Emily is ready to pursue freelance architectural design from her home office, as she is now a stay-at-home mom.

**Jessi Livingston** is still in Arizona working hard to grow the lacrosse program. She's had over 1000 girls go through her programs and says to check out her website at [www.azgl.com](http://www.azgl.com). She's also started a new hobby competing in figure competitions. She is on the national circuit now, has an agent, and loves it, but says it's hard work. She will be in NYC and Las Vegas in Jul.

**Lindsey Brooker Brooks** says that son James is getting "cuter and cuter" and that she still loves being a full-time mommy for the summer! She is really excited about going part time as a teacher next year so that she can spend even more time with James.

It was great to see **Elizabeth Baker** a few months back, and she still loves myspace and the reconnections made through it! She also got her MS in Education from Old Dominion U. in May.

As for me, **Elizabeth Davis Baker**, I too enjoyed my visit with Lindsey, Andy and James and hope to see more SBCers soon. I am half-way through my MA in English at East Carolina and hope to finish by Spring 08. Brian and I are busy as usual working on our house, and are looking forward to a beach vacation soon. That's all for now—hope to hear from lots more of you girls next time!

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Greetings from your new class secretaries **Brook Tucker** and **Lori Smith Nilan**. We were elected at our 5th reunion in May. There were a few of us there:

**Ashley Trantham**, who is still having a great time and making sure everyone else is too! **Emily Yerby** was also there—she is transferring to Cambridge, MA with Whole Foods Market this summer. She and Melissa are looking forward to moving to the Boston area and welcome any visitors. Emily will start graduate school in the spring. **Aja Grosvenor** spent this past Jan. through Apr. in Togo, West Africa on a mission trip. Although Africa was a wonderful experience, Aja is glad to be back in the US. She is currently residing in NY, but she will be relocating to Southern MI at the end of the summer.

**Megan Ogilvie** came all the way from her home in Toronto, Canada. There she works for the Toronto Star, Canada's largest daily newspaper, as a health reporter. In her spare time, she enjoys taking pottery classes, hanging out with her sister Caroline ('04) and renovating a century old home she recently purchased with her boyfriend, Jeff.

**Melissa Rudder** is living in Brooklyn and working at Union Square Cafe. She is a bartender and entry-level Sommelier. She also works to coordinate community investment programs and works with the Union Square Hospitality Group. Melissa is a member of the Junior League and in her spare time works on art in her new studio she set up in her apartment. She writes that if anyone needs a place to stay in New York, her door is open!

**Mary Beth Colvin** is enjoying teaching in Warrenton. **Christina Kingsley** "CK" is engaged and is getting married this October. **Lindsay Keller**, our new class president, is still working as a stage manager at the aurora fox theatre in CO. She is busy with a new house, family, friends, work and a fantastic boyfriend. Lindsay loved seeing everyone

## 2000

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Hello, Class of 2000! Thanks to those of you who sent in notes this go-round, and if you didn't, email me at elizabethbake@gmail.com to include all your news for the next issue. We love hearing what everyone is up to, and it sounds like we're all quite busy!

**Alison Stockdale** and Adam recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary with a beach trip, and Alison says they have been busy working on home projects and attending weddings and baby showers. She loves her new position at work and has traveled to AK and NM. **Anne Ryan Sinnot Craig** is working in Harrisonburg, VA at JMU and enjoys it. When she is not working, she is a busy mom chasing daughter Abbey (14 mos.) around the house. Anne Ryan

who came to the reunion and she hopes to see more people there for our 10th!

**Becky Ceferatti** attended reunion as well. **Regan Blackwell** is married now and a small animal vet. **Arney Walker** attended as well and is still in DC.

**Denise McDonald** got engaged May 28th '07 to Temple Kane Gentry (HSC '03 & Federal officer) and the wedding is planned for Aug. '08. Denise was on HGTV's *Designed to Sell* episode "Tres Chic Transformation" ([http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/shows\\_hdts/episode/0\\_1806,HGTV\\_15857\\_46004,00.html](http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/shows_hdts/episode/0_1806,HGTV_15857_46004,00.html)). She is Communications Coordinator with the Pellet Fuels Institute, meets with congressmen and legislative aides to promote the use/funding of renewable, deified fuel. (By the next issue she hopes to have a new job in Richmond).

We have all had many exciting things happen in our lives! Everyone else not at reunion include the following:

**Kelly Monical** is living in FL and working hard at Outcomes Inc, where they look into insurance company benefits among other things. She recently went to Paris with her family and will be Ashley Johnson's ('03) Maid of Honor in Aug. Kelly, Denise, Brook, and Lori all had fun at Ashley's Bachelorette party in Pigeon Forge, TN which also included a trip to Dollywood!

**Elizabeth Waring McCracken** is teaching dance and her husband is in Med. School and should finish soon.

**Ruth Huffman** is still living in Lexington, VA with her banjo-pickin' husband Rooster, playing lots of bluegrass music with their band, "Rooster's Ruckus." She also has her own landscaping business and writes for the monthly Rockbridge Advocate and occasionally for the weekly News-Gazette. Several of her gardening clients are alums, so naturally the color scheme of choice is pink and green! Ruth writes that she has no kids (Thank God) but Rooster has two new grandchildren, so technically she is a grandmother.

**Amanda Barbour-Johnston** graduated Duke Divinity School in '06 and has accepted a position as associate pastor at Farmville Baptist Church in Farmville, VA. She is looking forward to the move and new job.

**Marcela Galdames** is living in St. Petersburg, FL with her boyfriend of over 3 years, Charles. She is working in Tampa as a Catering Sales Manager at a Hilton Brand Hotel. Prior to this position, she worked for 3 years as an Assistant Cruise Director for Carnival Cruise Lines, which allowed her to travel the entire Caribbean.

**Kathy Fowler** had a busy summer—she traveled to Europe with her h.s.'s foreign language department as a chaperone. The trip included 30 students. **Katie Gjeldum Fraser** married Jim (HSC

'02) this June. **Jee Park and Ashley Trantham** were in attendance. After a honeymoon to St. Lucia, they will reside in the DC area, where Katie works.

**Heather Minor Gelormine** and her husband, Tony, moved to Colorado Springs, CO in Nov. '05, where they bought a home and settled in nicely—for the time being. They will celebrate their 6th wedding anniversary this year! She writes she has been keeping busy with 3 year-old Brenna, and volunteering her time organizing a large playgroup. Heather and Tony are expecting their second child this August.

**Jennifer Brown Robinson** married Andy in May '06; **Corrine Weiland, Leigh Ridell, Heather Minor Gelormine, Monique Moshier, Brook Tucker** were at the wedding. Jen is a nurse in Boston, MA.

**Kim Martin** is living in Richmond, VA and is currently working at The Complete Horse and also serves as a volunteer at the Wings of Hope Therapeutic Riding Center. She still enjoys riding and spending time with her new horse Brody. In her free time, Kim is planning her upcoming '08 nuptials to Timothy Baskind. Kim keeps up with Lauren Hanson Dickens '03, who now lives and works in Richmond. She sees **Christi Rose Hart** and her new baby girl Kendall on a regular basis, as they live in Richmond too. Kim saw Alissa Cline Berry '03 and **Sarah Ryder** at Christi's baby shower. Christi and Kim recently had lunch with **Tamara Young Metzfeld** and her little girl Emma.

**Christi Rose Hart** and her husband Jason celebrated the birth of daughter Kendall Elizabeth on Mar. 28, '07. She continues to work as an attorney specializing in Commercial Real Estate transactions.

**Misa Sarmento** graduated from grad school in summer '06, and is now living in Baltimore, working as a Physician Assistant at the U. MD-Shock Trauma Center, doing orthopedic trauma. Misa says it's definitely a crazy place to work, but so interesting; she loves Baltimore!

**Donyele Gibson Wilkerson** is no longer teaching h.s. Spanish. She and her husband have bought a house since the last class notes. She is now working as an Instructor Developer for the Department of Defense, went to London with my brother this winter.

**Diana Latimer Alexander** got married Apr. 14, '07 to Waylan from West Monroe, LA. The wedding was in Brenham, TX on her parent's farm. **Salina Woodard Rose** and **Angie Withers Dawson** were both bridesmaids. She and Waylan live in West Monroe with his two children Cass and Chelsea. She is teaching elementary art and Waylan is an engineer for Mustang Engineering.

**Angie Withers Dawson** is staying busy keeping up with her SBC friends (Diana, Salina). She and her husband Jason are planning a trip to SBC soon. She also reports that Mr. Ed, who once was a Riding Center school horse, is doing well. **Salina Woodard Rose** and daughter, Hailey (1½) attended Diana's wedding, and spent time this summer at Kings Dominion with Angie and daughter Casey (1 ½).

**Nicole Eve McDaniel-Carter** is a PhD Candidate in the English Dept. at Texas A&M, working on her dissertation titled "Seriality in Contemporary American Memoir: 1957–2007." She is happily living with her partner Gerardo, dog Roy, in Bryan, TX, teaches literature classes at Texas A&M. Says she is just writing and teaching!

**Elizabeth Taylor** has quite exciting info to pass along! In Jun., she took her first real grown-up vacation to HI!! The other news is that the Cincinnati Fringe Festival (12 day alternative arts fest she helped start in '04—<http://www.cincyfringe.com>) has grown by leaps and bounds. They have seen a 500% attendance increase in just 4 years from 1200 butts in seats to approximately 6000 this year. GO SBC Arts Management! And to add to the craziness of her life, she is one of the Cincinnati Rollergirls. Check out the website: <http://www.cincinnatirollergirls.com>. This is her 2<sup>nd</sup> season skating with them, they play at the Cincinnati Gardens, former home to the Mighty Ducks, even the Beatles played there! They are an All-Star team who just beat MN (ranked 5th in the nation) 140–121.

**Alicia McCartney** is still at Freddie Mac—going on 3 yrs. She traveled out west to Las Vegas and Grand Canyon in Mar., Dallas & Chicago in Apr., and Paris in May, going to HI in Jul. and to Seattle in Sept. She'll be meeting up with **Allison Gross**, who is in school there. Alicia is keeping busy this summer with her 1st vegetable garden, catching shows at the 9:30 club, and spending a lot of time enjoying downtown DC. She has been spending her summer dining al fresco in Adams-Morgan and Dupont Circle and catching the Friday night Jazz in the Park at the sculpture garden at the National Gallery of Art.

**Mary Tassone Dunlevy** married Dale in '03, is living in Fayetteville, NC where her husband is stationed. She teaches m.s. English and Drama (middle- and h.s.). Mary directed 4 plays last term and is planning on 4 more this term. **Amanda Davis Stevens** had a very big and happy year. She graduated IN U. law school, and got married to law school sweetheart Isaac Stevens May 5. (both events on the same day, and she is still not sure how they managed it!) **Jennifer**

**Taylor Catano** was her matron of honor, it was nice to see her and her new husband. She is currently studying for the CA Bar, and will start working for the Sacramento District Attorney in Aug.

**Rachel Roth Allred** was married to Toby on Aug. 5, '06 in a beautiful ceremony in Rockville, MD. **Stacey Armentrout Fallah** served as her maid of honor, and Katherine Morse '01, Sarah Peterson '03, and Angelique Milone '03 served as bridesmaids. She spent a week honeymooning in Cabo San Lucas, MX before returning to their home in Olney, MD. She then began her new job teaching 1st grade at Oxon Hill E. S. in Oxon Hill, MD. In Oct. '06 she served as a bridesmaid in **Stacey Armentrout Fallah**'s wedding. She still serves as a youth leader at her church, and is currently exploring the possibility of directing her church's play next year.

**Lauren Keaster Bass** is living in Roswell, GA, a suburb of Atlanta. Daughter Edie (5) will start kindergarten next year. Twins Travis and Scott (2) are a handful! She is working in management for the Gymboree Corporation and her husband Ed, (HSC '01), is working for Costco. She will return to school in the fall to pursue an MBA.

**Meg Anderson** left teaching last year and went to work as the Special Events Coordinator for a resort in Southern VA. Most recently, though, she has moved to DC and is the Catering Manager for Sofitel Lafayette Square, a French luxury hotel in the heart of DC. She found a great apartment a few blocks from the hotel and loves being back in the city. **Shelly Jozwiak-Kellogg** is still working for US Customs & Border Protection in Charlotte, NC. She is now handling cargo imports instead of international passengers. She and her husband Jason just bought their 1st house in Apr. **Jamie Henna** is having fun in her second year as "Graphics Coordinator" at NBC29 in Charlottesville, VA. **Tia Trout-Perez** is currently working at a law firm, Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, for the summer. This fall, she will be going into her last year of law school at Northwestern in Chicago. She and husband Sergio (VT '02) are doing well. She hopes that anyone planning a trip to Chicago or living in Chicago area will let her know!

**Amy Gardner Adams** married Tony (VT) on Jun. 11 in the VI. 30 friends and family joined them for a long weekend in paradise, and it was just perfect. She has been with BearingPoint as a Management/IT Consultant for 5 years working on State Dept projects, and Tony is a legislative liaison at the Pentagon. They own a condo in Reston, VA. **Megan Gregory** is still living in Raleigh and until recently was working

at Jerry's Art-O-Rama as a buyer. She then quit working there to begin taking an 8 week-class at VCU in Richmond. **Emily Johnston** is still living in London, enjoying herself, and is now the Marketing Director for one of the oldest auction houses in London. She is in the process of opening her own PR/Events Agency! Emily will be visiting **Megan Tarnowski** and **Arney Walker** while working in NY in Jul., and **Brook Tucker** in Jun.

**Maria Thacker** got engaged in Feb.'07 to Matthew Weiss. Their wedding is planned for May '08. Maria is the marketing manager for Georgia Bio, The Life Sciences Partnership and Matthew is a performance marketing manager for Intercontinental Hotels Groups. She still lives in Atlanta, GA and is also a consultant with Taste of Home Entertaining.

**Brook Tucker** got engaged to James Clifton Buck III "Trey" (NCSU' 01) on Apr. 24, '07 in Charleston, SC; wedding planned for June 28, '08 in Raleigh, NC. Trey is a Senior Tax Associate with KPMG. Before moving back to Charlotte, NC in June, Brook lived in Raleigh and worked for Novozymes, NA where she was "fortunate enough in March to meet and have my picture taken with President Bush (who was there looking into renewable energy ideas)!" Brook then quit her job as Quality Control Coordinator of the Microbiology lab of 5 yrs and moved back to Charlotte, where she now lives with her dad and family. She will go back to school Jan.'08 for a BSN in Nursing, but plan her wedding before that begins! She is excited to see **Emily Johnson** in Jul., will attend Ashley Johnson's ('03) wedding in Aug. Brook writes: "Reunion was loads of fun and we missed all of you who didn't come. Please keep Lori and myself updated with your notes to the email addresses at the top. We hope everyone is doing well and send us your notes!"

I, **Lori Smith Nilan** married Andrew (HSC '01) in Richmond on October 8, '05. **Brook Tucker, Denise McDonald, Maria Thacker**, Ashley Johnson '03, and **Kelly Monical** all attended. I am currently residing in Midlothian with Andrew and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Bridget, enjoying working in the family business at our lighting showroom in Farmville, although the commute is killing me. Reunion was so much fun—everyone please try to make it to our 10th! Brook and I look forward to being your new class secretaries—we want to do a great job! If you are not in this set of notes—please email either of us so we can include you next time around.

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**Sandra Grant Main, Lisa Lussier** and **Meghan Hauser** had a week long mini reunion at Sandra's house in Long Beach, NY with her children Noelle (3), twins Michael Jr. and Ava (18 mos) and husband.

**Lisa Lussier** is a Member Relations Training Coordinator for the Credit Union of the World Bank and IMF in Washington DC. She enjoys her new position with the company and plans on traveling to Turkey with her boyfriend this fall.

**Meghan Hauser** was recently promoted to Campaign Manager for a Fund Raising Consulting Firm in Atlanta. She is training to run in a Marathon this winter. Lisa and Meghan both look great and are a huge help with Sandra's kids.

**Olevia Neary** married Durell Anderson Carothers (HSC '03) February 4, 06 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA. **Jade Boardman** was maid of honor and **Sarah Canovaca Poirier** was bridesmaid. **Nicole Crowder**, Molly Sutherland Gwinn '65, and Michelle Moshier '05 also attended the wedding. Regrettably, **Kelly Hughes Kaufman** could not be there because she was married the week before and still on her honeymoon! Olevia and Durell had a great honeymoon in St. John, USVI, and came home to Richmond and their two dogs, Izzy and Ralph. In Aug.06, they bought their first house, just down the street from **Courtney Coalter** and her husband. Olevia and Durell celebrated their first anniversary and continue to own a photography business that is growing everyday.

Everyone, please send your notes if you want to be in the next issue!

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**Abby Adams** finished her first year of nursing school at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. She and **Joanna Meade** are still living together, having a great time. They've seen **Jenn Wiley** and **Lindsey Cline**. Abby is working at a hospital this summer doing crazy nursing stuff. It's tiring but fun. She attended Sweet Briar's graduation and got to see **Cara Cherry**, **Michelle Badger**, Grace Farnsworth '05, and of course, more Jenn Wiley. They see each other a good bit. In March, Abby attended **Tabitha Dixon Ward**'s wedding and saw **Nikki Brandt**, **Melissa Massy**, **Kerri Faust**, Grace Farnsworth '05, **Michelle Badger**, **Lauren Martin**, Cassie Caola '07, and **Cara Cherry**.

In Jun., **Michelle Badger** and **Paula Kirkland Ledbetter** visited Joyce Scott '05 and Natalie Pye '07 in Atlanta for a weekend, so much fun! She recommends everyone go to Atlanta to see the Aquarium! Also in Jun., she was a bridesmaid in Sheena Belcher's (05) wedding along with Grace Farnsworth '04, Beth Farnsworth '05, Amanda Watts '05, Amanda Palmore '05 and Denva Jackson '05. A bunch of other fabulous Sweet Briar women attended. Sheena looked beautiful! Jul., she attended **Suzi Harvey Hodge**'s wedding at Recec Vineyard where there were other Sweet Briar ladies in attendance. In Aug., she was a bridesmaid in Paula's wedding, which took place at Sweet Briar and of course more Sweet Briar ladies! Thank god for weddings or she might never see anyone. She looks forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming.

**Nicki Brandt** survived her first AK winter and enjoys warmer weather by hiking, fishing, and photographing the Kenai Peninsula. Puffins are doing well, there should be babies (baby puffins that is) in mid Jul.!

**Victoria Chappell** loves life in Palm Beach, FL. She works full time for NewsMax Medias ([www.NewsMax.com](http://www.NewsMax.com)), an online news site which also has a monthly magazine. Besides working she is settling into her new apartment on the water, would love visitors. She

has traveled to St. Augustine (where she happened to run into fellow classmate **Jenny Lynn** working at the Lighthouse), made surprise trips to N.C., was the maid of honor at Suzy's wedding, and was a bridesmaid in Paula's wedding. She hopes all is well with classmates and loves hearing about them in class notes!

**Cara Cherry** survived her first year of vet school at Virginia Tech. The year was extremely challenging, especially given the circumstances of 4/16. Cara would like to thank everyone who checked up on her, it meant a lot. This summer she stayed in Blacksburg to research one of the virulence factors of the bovine bacterium *H. somnus*. When she isn't busy playing with bacteria, she travels VA attending bridal showers and weddings of engaged friends.

**Kate Dobie** is happy to be living in NYC. She found an adorable apartment with 2 other young women who work in fashion and arts, and has a much shorter commute giving her plenty of time to explore the city. Kate hopes that her friends will visit her in the city now that they don't have to pay for a hotel!!

**Julie Drake** still lives in San Jose, CA. She has finished her first semester at San Jose State U. for teaching credentials. She took a summer class, worked with the m.s. youth group at her church, and she had a job at a logo designing store for the summer. It's called No Limit Logewear; she deals with printing and embroidering. Julie is preparing to be an auntie in 2 mo.! She came back to Sweet Briar in Aug. as she was also in Paula's wedding!

Since graduating, **Tabitha Dixon Ward** took a wonderful job at Consolidated Shoe Company as the Director of Operations for Poetic Licence, a European funky shoe line. Please feel free to check out the shoes at [www.poeticlicence.us](http://www.poeticlicence.us). Consolidated Shoe Company has enabled her to travel to Hong Kong, China, Italy, London, NY, Las Vegas and more. Her most recent adventure includes getting married 3/10/07 to the most amazing man she knows, Andrew Ward from CO. He's a recent grad with his Masters from Liberty Seminary, is searching for work with youth and their families. They still live in Lynchburg, VA, love married life and helping out at Brentwood Church. She hopes everyone is well, and misses you all!

**Kerri Faust** and **Melissa Massy** enjoy the beautiful summer weather in Denver, CO. Kerri celebrated her birthday—a 3-day event in which Melissa, Julie Drake, and Mallory Sherwood '09 attended. Good times were shared by all. Melissa and Kerri had dinner with Nancy Kirbo '07 during her visit to Denver. The summer was filled

# Letters

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We like to hear from you!

## Wow!

Just wanted to let you know that I really enjoyed the Spring/Summer issue of the alumnae magazine! It was FULL of great articles! Being a teacher and farmer myself, I really appreciated you showing everyone how the campus itself is becoming more and more important in many students' lives!!

Well done!

—Ellen O. Pitera '93

## Remembering

**Barbara Bowen '60** After reading about the death of Barbara Bowen '60 (Mrs. H. Clay Moore, Jr.) in the Winter 2007 Magazine I send in the following memory.

In summer of 1959 my mother and I drove out west for a h.s. graduation trip prior to my first year at SBC. My mother had had a bilateral mastectomy and we didn't know at that time, but she would die 7 months later. At the dude ranch in Bozeman, Montana, we met a woman who was a dear friend of Barbara's mother from Augusta, GA. She said she would contact the Bowens to let Barbara, who would be a senior, know about an incoming freshman from NJ, me.

Perhaps I met her when school began in Sept. of 1959. But my clearest memory was after my own mother died in Feb. of 1960. Barbara and her 3 roommates invited me to their suite on Sat. nights to study when my dorm friends weren't there so that I would not be alone. It was a simple act, but oh so powerful. Even when one or two of the senior roommates were away, someone was usually there so that I could study and not feel the loss of my mother.

I have always been grateful for the thoughtfulness that Barbara and her roommates showed me as a freshman. Her kindness still means a lot to me after 47 years. I'm thankful to Barbara and all her suitemates in their last year at Sweet Briar for their inclusion of me—four southern seniors' care of a freshman from the north.

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with good times: camping, concerts, and fun! Kerri is the proud new mama to a darling little puppy! Kerri and Melissa spend a lot of time with Judy and Newell Grant '66. They have adopted Kerri and Melissa and treat them as their own daughters.

**Ivey Godfrey** got married on 6/3/06 and moved to a townhouse in Wake Forest, NC where her husband attends Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She's a full-time photographer's assistant and does freelance graphic design, rides horses on the side. **Amy St. John** is back in Richmond, works for HCA Healthcare; however, she may have a new job at U. of Richmond. **Brooke Helburn** is still in NYC and works at BET, loving every minute of it! Living in her own apartment in Manhattan is just as fantastic as she imagined it would be. She's a rockstar. Although she doesn't get the chance to see many of her SBC friends, she loved being visited by Denva Jackson '05. Visitors are always welcome!

**Suzy Harvey Hodge** wed Philip Hodge on 7/21/07. It was a very fun event at Rebec Vineyards, many Sweet Briar ladies attended. Phil and Suzy bought their first house in Fuquay Varina, NC; she's having a blast decorating. She does Biomathematics research at NC State U., where she will continue pursuing her Ph.D. in Biomathematics this fall as Phil graduates from the Raleigh Police Academy and starts as a Raleigh City police officer. **Alyssa Holly** got married in 9/06 and is now a Mechanical/Systems Engineer for a Department of Defense contractor.

**Laura Ann Humphress** lives in D.C., has a job at George Sexton Associates, a museum and lighting design firm. She also has fabulous roommate **Maureen McGuire**, also working in D.C. They're in a great apartment together. The address is: 3725 Macomb St., NW, Apt 312 Washington, DC 20016.

**Allison Martell**, having paid her dues to the insurance world, ventures on to another industry. The road to discovering what she wants to be when she grows up is a tedious one, but is being bushwhacked every day. She looks forward to when it will no longer be a pay check, but a career. Until then, she's looking forward to the adventure. Besides work she's having a fun time traveling, baking cool cakes, and driving in her new red car. In Jun. she participated in her best friend Charlotte Spielman's ('05) wedding in Canada. **Lea Pyne** was also part of the wedding party. Then in Jul. she attended Suzy's wedding at Rebec Vineyards.

**Colleen Karaffa Murray** says hello to everyone from SBC! Work at the Alumnae House continues as usual, it's

such a pleasant place. She is now the editor of the *SBC Alumnae Magazine*. She and Brandon were married 5/26/07 on a warm, beautiful day! They had the most spectacular ceremony. Afterward they headed off to Italy for the adventure of their lifetimes! They traveled nearly 24 hours straight to find their hotel, way up in the Mountains of Umbria (breathtaking views!) and stayed in a little medieval city. They felt like a knight and a princess walking around the labyrinthine side streets and alleyways. The stay was not without challenges. First, Colleen got sick with a fever and sore throat for nearly the entire trip! Then they nearly starved trying to find restaurants open at the times they were hungry and on the days they were hoping to eat there! By the end though, they had figured out the rhythm of the city, and enjoyed its quirks. They then headed to Rome, incredible! Everyone who likes traveling should go there. She and Brandon live at Walden Pond Apartment Homes on the other end of L-burg. She hopes to see many of you at Homecoming this Sept.!

**Heather-Ann Spear Newton** married Bret Newton (Hampden-Sydney '07), the son of a fellow Sweet Briar alum (Pamela Tipton Newton '69) on 5/19/07 in Abbeville, SC. She had 3 Sweet Briar alumnae as bridesmaids: **Virginia "Didi" Robinson**, Rosanna Hawkins '07 and Amber McGlothlin Finnegan '05 was matron of honor. She and Bret plan to move to Raleigh, NC in Jul. where Bret will begin graduate school in '08. **Amy Walker Laughlin** was married at Sweet Briar to Justin Laughlin, 4/21/07. They had a wonderful time especially as many Sweet Briar classmates attended or were in the wedding party.

**Cole Shanholtz** still lives in Athens, GA. She was accepted into the Classical Studies Graduate Program at the U. of GA, and will continue teaching Latin in Hartwell in the upcoming school year. Cole still rides horse Fidias competitively on the "A" circuit with great post college success. She communicates with **Susan O'Brien** possibly 3 times a day—I know, quite excessive. Susan visited for a week. Cole still dates long-term boyfriend Chris Howe from Lynchburg and there may be "good news" to come after graduate school. Since graduating **Jessica Taylor** has been accepted to Millersville U., PA to pursue a MS in Clinical Psychology.

**Kathleen Wilson** completed the first year of her Masters program at IN U.'s School of Public and Environmental Affairs in Environmental Chemistry, Toxicology and Risk Assessment. She began working at G.E. Appliance Park in Louisville, KY, Jun., and has frequently visited sister **Kimberly Wilson** at Notre Dame, IN, where she is a Ph.D. candidate in Biochemistry.

## IN THE SWEET BRIAR

# *tradition*

CYNTHIA "CYNNIE" OTTAWAY, CLASS OF 1957, LOVES HISTORY—ESPECIALLY SWEET BRIAR HISTORY.



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"It is 'touchable' history," she enthuses. "Sweet Briar is magical for one who loves old buildings, particularly because we have the Cram architecture, and we are on the National Registry of Historic Buildings."

Mrs. Ottaway has provided a bequest for historic preservation of the Sweet Briar campus, making her an Indiana Fletcher Williams Associate. Williams Associates are those individuals who have followed Indiana's example by making provisions in their estate plans for Sweet Briar College, and so help assure the College's future financial viability. Mrs. Ottaway has made other generous gifts to assist with work on needed renovations for Sweet Briar House and to support the Tusculum restoration project.

"Preserving Sweet Briar's physical heritage is important," says Mrs. Ottaway. "It shows that we value our historic beginnings while stretching toward the future with our cutting-edge programs."

Another project of interest to Cynnie has been the deconstruction of Tusculum and its relocation to the College campus.

"When I went to school at Sweet Briar, I didn't know anything about Tusculum. I learned about it recently. Saving architecturally unique buildings that are an example of such fine workmanship is important, but how lucky we are to have access to a historically significant building that has ties to the original Sweet Briar plantation as Maria Fletcher's childhood home!" Tusculum was carefully deconstructed by Heartland Construction over the past year, with all materials carefully numbered, diagrammed, and stored in one of Sweet Briar's barns until funds are available for its reconstruction on campus.

"Loving history seems to be something in my blood," Cynnie explains. "I enjoy going to Williamsburg with the children. We'll stand for hours and watch as they work on an archaeological dig, sharing the enthusiasm of the workers when they find something significant. I can just imagine life back in the 1600s, or whatever the era, when I'm around historic buildings. It inspires me to consider life in the present with a different perspective."

Mrs. Ottaway is still very much involved with Sweet Briar. She has participated in the Reunion Gifts Committee and has always been a steadfast supporter of the Annual Fund. She made a gift in support of installing an HVAC system in Sweet Briar House early in Our Campaign For Her World, matched by the Roller-Battimore Foundation, and also gave a second generous gift for the Tusculum restoration project as the campaign came to a close. Her daughter, Elizabeth Frenzel Casalini, is a Class of 1982 graduate of Sweet Briar. Her late husband, John, was a member of the Sweet Briar Board of Directors in 1990. John's daughter, Amy Ottaway Zambetti, graduated from Sweet Briar in 1989.

You can join Cynnie Ottaway in making Sweet Briar a part of your estate plan. A simply executed Letter of Intent, attached as a codicil to your will, indicates your continued support for the College.

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